













*Annual*  
**REPORTS**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF**  
**WESTFORD**

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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD

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### Town Clerk

Charles L. Hildreth .....Term expires February, 1945

### Selectmen

Arthur M. Whitley, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1943  
Cyril A. Blaney .....Term expires February, 1944  
Arthur L. Healy, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1945

### Assessors

Samuel A. Fletcher, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1945  
Edward F. Harrington, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1944  
John J. O'Connell .....Term expires February, 1943

### Board of Public Welfare

Reginald Blowey .....Term expires February, 1943  
William L. Wall .....Term expires February, 1944  
Samuel A. Richards .....Term expires February, 1945

### Treasurer

Charlotte P. Greig .....Term expires February, 1944

### Collector of Taxes

David I. Olsson .....Term expires February, 1945

### Moderator

Roger H. Hildreth

### Constable

John F. Sullivan

### **School Committee**

Albert G. Forty .....Term expires February, 1943  
Dorothy E. Chandler, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1943  
Edward C. Buckingham .....Term expires February, 1944  
James Mulligan, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1944  
Thomas Curley .....Term expires February, 1945  
Clifford J. Courchaine .....Term expires February, 1945

### **Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library**

William C. Roudenbush, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1943  
Alice M. Howard, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1944  
William R. Taylor .....Term expires February, 1945

### **Librarian**

May E. Day

### **Board of Cemetery Commissioners**

Axel G. Lundberg .....Term expires February, 1943  
Sebastian B. Watson .....Term expires February, 1944  
Fred R. Blodgett .....Term expires February, 1945

### **Board of Health**

Cyril A. Blaney, M. D. ....Term expires February, 1943  
Ralph K. Coleman, M. D., Chairman .....Term expires February, 1944  
Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Secretary .....Term expires February, 1945

### **Agents of Board of Health**

Amos B. Polley  
C. Veronica Meagher, R. N., Public Health Nurse and Collector of  
Samples  
Charles L. Hildreth, Agent to issue Burial Permits  
Glenn D. Estabrook, School and Health Dentist  
John Latham, Inspector of Dairies  
Melvin McMaster, Milk Examiner

### **Tree Warden**

Harry L. Nesmith

## Director for Demonstration Work in Agriculture and Home Economics

Mabel M. Nixon

### Finance Committee

W. Otis Day .....	Term expires March 1, 1943
E. Kent Allen, Secretary .....	Term expires March 1, 1943
Herford N. Elliott .....	Term expires March 1, 1944
John B. Gray .....	Term expires March 1, 1944
P. Henry Harrington .....	Term expires March 1, 1945
William E. Wright, Chairman .....	Term expires March 1, 1945

### Committee in Charge of Whitney Playground

Charles L. Hildreth	John Fisher	Morris A. Hall
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### Special Town Forest Committee

William E. Wright .....	Term expires March, 1943
Edwin H. Gould .....	Term expires March, 1944
Fred R. Blodgett .....	Term expires March, 1945

### Registrars of Voters

Norman E. Day .....	Term expires March 31, 1943
Albert R. Wall .....	Term expires March 31, 1944
James J. McKniff .....	Term expires March 31, 1945

Charles L. Hildreth, Clerk, Ex-Officio

### Precinct Officers

Precinct 1.—Warden, Alonzo H. Sutherland (R); Deputy Warden, Fisher Buckshorn (R); Clerk, Robert J. Spinner (D); Deputy Clerk, John R. Leonard (D); Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson (R); Leo C. McDonald (D); Deputy Inspectors, Albert A. Hildreth (R); Edward L. Dailey (D).

Precinct 2.—Warden, Frank P. Shugrue (D); Deputy Warden, Clifford G. Carpentier (D); Clerk, Alfred T. W. Prinn (R); Deputy Clerk, William L. Wall (R); Inspectors, John R. Greene (R), John E. Connolly (D); Deputy Inspectors, Charles A. Blodgett (R), Arthur W. McLenna (D).

Precinct 3.—Warden, Frank J. Lavigne (D); Deputy Warden, John E. Leslie (D); Clerk, Harlan E. Knowlton (R); Deputy Clerk, William W. Gilson (R); Inspectors, Walter A. Whidden (R); George F. Jones (D); Deputy Inspectors, Swan G. Swanson (R); Louis Courtemanche (D).

Precinct 4.—Warden, Leo J. Connell (D); Deputy Warden, John M. Mulligan (D); Clerk, Charles E. Dudevoir (R); Deputy Clerk, Leslie N. Athorn (R); Inspectors, James J. Kelly, Jr. (D); Reginald Blowey (R); Deputy Inspectors, Richard Lyons (D), Arthur T. Green-slade (R).

Note—(R) Republican; (D) Democrat.

### **Chief of Police**

John F. Sullivan

### **Regular Police Officer**

John L. Connell

### **Dog Officers**

John F. Sullivan

John L. Connell

### **Special Police Officers**

Allan Adams	John H. Gantzel	George R. Morris
George G. Beskalo, Jr.	Wilfred Gelinas	Vernon B. Morris
Elmer P. Brown	Winslow P. George	John J. O'Connell
Edward C. Buckingham	Georges Gervais	Louis F. Oliver
Lawrence J. Charlton	J. Austin Healy	Robert J. Orr, Jr.
Leo J. Connell	Donald Holt	Robert J. Orr, Sr.
John E. Connolly	Ralph J. Hulslander	Edmund Pendlebury
Arthur F. Daly	Edmund J. Hunt	Amos B. Polley
Douglas F. Day	George F. Jones	Edmund D. Rogers
Clarence Decarteret	William J. Kelly	Winthrop W. Sargent
Arthur J. Deforge	Joseph Lamy	Edward J. St. Onge
Charles E. Dudevoir	David Lord	William L. Wall
Charles Flanagan	Charles A. Lorman	Frank A. Wright

### **Police Woman**

C. Veronica Meagher

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Albert A. Hildreth

**Inspector of Animals**

Amos B. Polley

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

Amos B. Polley

**Forest Warden**

Leo R. Larkin

**Deputies Appointed by the Forest Warden**

Reginald Blowey

Richard W. Hall

James H. Payne, Jr.

Thomas Curley

F. Everett Miller

Edmund D. Rogers

Austin D. Fletcher

Harold E. Wright

**Superintendent of Moth Department**

Harry L. Nesmith

**Engineers of the Fire Department**

Richard W. Hall, Clerk

Edmund D. Rogers, Chief

Harold E. Wright, Assistant Chief

**Town Accountant and Clerk of Board of Selectmen**

Harold W. Hildreth.

**Soldiers' Relief Agent  
and Sponsor's Agent of W. P. A.**

Harold W. Hildreth

**Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors**

Arthur T. Greenslade

**Superintendent of Westford Infirmary**

Leo J. Connell

**Keeper of the Lockup**

Leo J. Connell

**Town Fish and Game Warden**

Edmund L. Provost

**Janitor of Town House**

Frank A. Wright

**Janitor of Library Building**

Frank A. Wright

**Caretaker of Common**

Alfred A. Sutherland

**Town Counsel**

Edward L. Monahan

**Fence Viewers**

Charles A. Blodgett

Marden H. Seavey

Edwin H. Gould

**Field Drivers**

Leo Coupal

John Holmes

Raymond S. Wilson

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

Charles A. Blodgett

Charles Freeman

Fred S. Healy

Chester A. Burnham

Edwin H. Gould

J. Austin Healy

Fred W. Burnham

Isaac L. Hall

Edmund L. Provost

P. Henry Harrington

### **Weigher of General Commodities**

J. Alfred Dumont	J. Austin Healy
Arthur L. Healy	J. Austin Healy, Jr.
Fred S. Healy	Zoel J. Tousignant

### **Weighers of Granite**

Kenneth Andrews	Rudolph Haberman, Jr.	Helen B. Newell
Emile Gauthier, Jr.	Edward F. Harrington	Robert W. Tabor
Francis A. Greenwood	Donald E. Lucy	Lester D. Wright
	George F. Montague	

### **Weighers of Textile Commodities**

Donald F. Barnes	Earl J. Connell	Edward F. McLenna
John Bohenko	Victor B. Daly	Lester A. McLenna
Albert J. Burne	David L. George	Robert J. Orr
Edwin L. Burne	George M. Haley	William E. Robinson
J. Clarence Burne		Thomas W. Sugden

### **Assistant Town Clerk**

Alice A. Hildreth

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NOTE.—The law requires that certain officers, including Measurers and Weighers, in order to qualify as such officers, be sworn in, and a record of their oath be filed with the Town Clerk. Many of the above mentioned officers have not so qualified.

## BIRTHS

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD, 1942

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
Jan. 29	Allen, Harriet Elizabeth	E. Kent and Harriet (Bolton)
Mar. 6	Andrews, Albert Francis, Jr.	Albert and Evelyn (Aubrey)
Apr. 8	Barretto, John	John J. and Elizabeth (Walk)
Apr. 8	Barretto, Joseph	John J. and Elizabeth (Walk)
May 22	Bergstrom, Stephen Paul	John P. and Catherine G. (Wolf)
Apr. 3	Bouchard, Norman Joseph	Treffe and Eva M. (Boucher)
Mar. 28	Burne, Thomas Jackson	J. Clarence and Bessie M. (Jackson)
Nov. 29	Cavanaugh, David Raymond	Norman C. and Rena (Labby)
Sept. 13	Cornwall, Richard Weldon	William W. and Grace A. (Dane)
Feb. 26	Cote, Mary Ivette Therese	Armand J. and Mary L. (Plouffe)
Jan. 30	Demers, Jannine Theresea	Emerise E. and Alta (Coupal)
Dec. 13	DiDonato, Charles	Anthony and Mildred (Miller)
Sept. 7	Dubey, Sandra Ann	Joseph S. and Dora M. (Lamie)
Sept. 15	Dupuis, Nancy Jean	Arthur J. and Ethel (Bell)
May 19	Haley, Fred William	Alan R. and Vivian E. (Stuart)
Feb. 10	Hall, Nancy Ruth	Richard W. and Ruth E. (Nesmith)
June 8	Healy, Lorraine Eilene	William R. and Carmen D. (Valcourt)
Feb. 17	Holmes, Janet Mary	Arthur and Jeannette (Leduc)
July 21	Jarvis, Diane Marie	Olin L. and Rita M. (Cote)
Sept. 25	Jelley, Shirley Ann	Charles and Eva (Sousa)
Sept. 5	Jewett, Dennis Ellsworth	Ellsworth J. and Lois O. (Hall)
May 4	Johnson, Arthur Paul	Victor P. and Bertha (Stensby)
Oct. 12	Johnson, Priscilla	Roy H. and Elizabeth (Ohs)
May 25	Lacombe	Joseph and Antoinette (Lessard)
Nov. 9	Lamy, Carol Ann	Alcide and Eleanore (Antonelli)
Sept. 3	Levasseur, Stella Marie Edna	Victor J. and Louise M. (Vadeboncoeur)
Jan. 17	MacLeod, Edward Wallace	John J. and Edna G. (Whitney)
Sept. 24	MacQuarrie, Thomas Allen	William Q. and Florence E. (Wilson)
Nov. 8	Mann, Lois Arlene	Charles E. and Dorothy (Morgan)
Dec. 1	McLean, Barbara Ann	Stewart and Theresa (Mellon)
Nov. 1	Mullin, Anne	Charles and Clara (Dare)
Dec. 21	Mungovan	James and M. Jeanne (Parmentier)
Apr. 3	O'Connell, Mary Lou	John J. and Lucy M. (McNiff)
June 15	Oliver, Joseph John, 3rd	Joseph J. Jr., and Raffy (Mallozzi)
May 22	Parlee, Dorothy Phyllis	William H. and Velma F. (Pond)
June 11	Poole, Roger Kay, Jr.	Roger K. and Enid M. (Wood)

Date of Birth		NAME	PARENTS
Aug.	7	Provost, Pierrette Claire	Gerard S. and Pierrette (Moreau)
Jan.	11	Pulsifer, Jane Howes	Walter T. and Josephine E. (Howes)
May	26	Randall, Edward John	Everett W. and Hope P. (Richards)
Feb.	26	Socha, Earl Philip	Marygan and Regina L. (Richards)
Oct.	29	Spinner, Roberta Ann	Robert J. and Alfred E. (Hamer)
Dec.	24	St. Onge, Brian Edward	J. Edward and Josephine (Mardas)
Jan.	24	Teague, John Joseph	John and Kathleen (Kelly)
Mar.	12	Tousignant, Constance Ann	Adelard A. and Alice C. (Rivetts)
Aug.	17	Traversa, Antonio, Jr.	Antonio J. and Luba (Voropay)
Aug.	2	Tzikopoulos	Charles and Anastasia (Psarias)
Feb.	19	Walsh, Carol Ann	Maurice and Lilliane S. (Mireault)
Apr.	12	Walsh, Dennis Emmanuel	Michael J. and Mary E. (Holmes)
May	26	Whitney, Ronald Richard	Roland and Marion (Sleeper)
Sept.	30	Wilder, Katherine Elizabeth	George S. and Katherine (Bariteau)
Jan.	8	Wilson, Raymond Vickers	Raymond S. and Alice E. (Vickers)
Feb.	18	York, Barbara Allison	Robert H. and Grace (Buckland)

Number Recorded in 1942—Males 26; Females 27; Total 53

## MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1942

DATE OF MARRIAGE		NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
June	21	Antonelli, Peter E.	22	Westford	Boston
		Dempsey, Annette Patricia	18	Lowell	Lowell
May	5	Atwood, Lyman Bradley	53	Westford	Waltham
		McClellan, Florence Emma (Rand) Smith Atwood	55	Westford	Waltham
Aug.	22	Balas, Mitchell Francis	32	Billerica	Lowell
		Nelson, Ruth Eleanora	31	Westford	Westford
Apr.	23	Bell, Alan Walkden	29	Westford	Westford
		Craven, Muriel Dugdale	20	Methuen	Methuen
Sept.	6	Beskalo, Gregory George	29	Westford	Westford
		Gitschier, Hazel Ruvie	22	Dracut	Dracut
Apr.	19	Beskalo, Stephen Gregory	25	Westford	Westford
		Minko, Mary	21	Westford	Westford
May	22	Bettencourt, Ralph Anthony	24	Chelmsford	Medford
		Swanson, Vera Evelyn	24	Westford	Westford
Apr.	11	Bolduc, Marcel	19	Chicopee	St. Catherine, Canada
		Lamy, Rolande Jean	19	Westford	Westford
Dec.	19	Brunelle, Raymond Lucien	21	Westford	Wilton, N. H.
		Kozlowski, Stephanie	20	Lowell	Lowell
Feb.	15	Burchfield, Edward Eddie	19	Birmingham, Ala	Jasper, Ala.
		Carbo, Mary Milicent	17	Westford	Westford
Feb.	16	Chiarello, Richard Charles	24	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
		Shugrue, Pauline Rose	26	Westford	Center Harbor, N. H.
Feb.	1	Clark, Herbert Shirley	23	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
		Dudevoir, Marguerite Ellen	24	Westford	Westford
Apr.	4	Crocker, Morris Redmond	23	Westford	Tyngsboro
		Barnes, Theda Ora	22	Lowell	Richford, Vt.
Aug.	30	Dean, Marshall Clarence	28	Westford	Lowell
		Worobey, Anastasia	23	Westford	Westford
Aug.	22	Denisevich, Victor Zachary	30	Westford	Westford
		Bohenko, Mary Irene	27	Westford	Westford
May	17	DiDonato, Anthony Reginald	24	Westford	Westford
		Miller, Mildred	19	Lowell	Lowell
May	16	Dozois, Henry Alexander	24	Dracut	Lowell
		Ricard, Claire Marie	20	Westford	Westford
Mar.	22	Dupuis, Arthur Joseph	21	Lowell	Lowell
		Bell, Ethel Marion	26	Westford	Westford

DATE OF MARRIAGE		NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
Apr.	4	Emslie, James Christie, Jr.	24	Chelmsford	Beebe, Canada
		Athorn, Clara Elizabeth	26	Westford	Yorkshire, Eng.
Nov.	8	Ferguson, James Cecil	22	Frankfort, Ind.	Monroe Co., Ky.
		Grenier, Jean Madeline	20	Westford	Westford
Feb.	21	Field, Elroy Albert	26	Lowell	Lowell
		Bosworth, Elizabeth	25	Westford	Lowell
June	21	Fisk, Raymond E.	27	Huntington	Huntington
		King, Bonnie E.	22	Huntington	New Albany, Ind.
June	20	Gagnon, Francis Joseph	20	Westford	Westford
		Nadeau, Annette Pauline	18	Lowell	Lowell
Jan.	28	Gauvreau, Albert Joseph	31	Lowell	Lowell
		St. Onge, Arline Edith	20	Westford	Westford
Feb.	15	Gerlach, Walter William	18	Littleton	Providence, R. I.
		Langley, Mildred Yvonne	19	Westford	Westford
Feb.	22	Hagberg, Gunnar	42	Westford	Cambridge
		Ericson, Beatrice Hedwig	42	Beverly	Medford
Sept.	12	Helmboldt, Charles Louis	56	Boston	Boston
		Adams, Gladys Milne	37	Westford	Everett
Feb.	5	Hildreth, Roger Heywood	32	Westford	Westford
		Williams, Audrey Elizabeth	28	Billerica	Llandudno, No. Wales
Oct.	10	Hopper, Nelson Joseph	26	Fairhaven, Vt.	Whitehall, N. Y.
		Boisvert, Therese Lillian	18	Westford	Putnam, Conn.
June	27	Knight, Donald Leigh	27	Chelmsford	Billerica
		Hornbrook, Jeanette Converse	20	Westford	Boston
June	14	Knight, Stephen Martin	22	Westford	Lowell
		Gaudette, Alma Grace	25	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
June	13	Kuropatkin, Alexander	23	Gardner	Gardner
		Sechovich, Helen	21	Westford	Westford
Jan.	17	Lamy, Alcide	33	Westford	St. Etienne, Canada
		Antonelli, Eleanore Brenda	18	Westford	Chelsea
Jan.	7	Langley, Joseph F.	69	Tyngsboro	Canada
		Beauparlant, Georgianna	60	Lowell	Canada
Apr.	5	Langley, Walter Fred	25	Westford	Waterbury, Conn.
		Heath, Evelyn Harriet	18	Lowell	Lowell
Jan.	2	Locke, Richard Gordon	24	Rye, N. H.	Lawrence
		Casey, Evelyn Mary	25	Hampton, N. H.	Manchester, N. H.
Feb.	7	Lund, Charles William	20	Groton	Littleton
		Hird, Marguerite Louise	18	Westford	Westford
Jan.	28	Mann, Willard Stearns	23	Westford	Winchendon
		Durrell, Eva Marion	23	Chelmsford	Tewksbury
Jan.	10	Marcotte, William Joseph	31	Groton	Lowell
		Dixon, Melvina	23	Westford	Lowell

DATE OF MARRIAGE		NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
Jan.	4	Martin, Frederick Augustus, Jr.	25	Groton	Boston
		Boisvert, Juliette Mary	25	Westford	Three Rivers, Canada
Apr.	10	McDonald, Paul Lovell	21	Lowell	Chelmsford
		Blackadar, Barbara Jean	21	Westford	Lowell
Feb.	14	McGuane, Francis James	30	Lowell	Lowell
		Connell, Alice	24	Westford	Westford
Dec.	21	Miller, Everett Ellsworth	24	Westford	Westford
		Edwards, Rita Hosmer	24	Westford	Westford
Sept.	19	Miller, John	47	Westford	Maynard
		Power, Jennie	42	Westford	Nova Scotia
Nov.	8	Noel, Joseph Arthur	27	Lowell	Peterboro, N. H.
		Lacroix, Mary Jane Florence	28	Westford	Westford
Nov.	14	Oliver, Charles Vincent	26	Westford	Westford
		Lanseigne, Mabel Grace	31	Lowell	Lowell
Aug.	29	Ordway, James Francis	21	Pepperell	Lawrence
		Douglas, Mary Mildred	18	Westford	Lowell
Dec.	2	Ordway, Ronald Vincent	19	Natick	Natick
		Gagnon, Nora Mary	16	Westford	Westford
May	16	Peterson, Ernest Sigaud	31	Westford	Brockton
		Lydon, Mildred (Fife)	33	Andover	Somerville
Nov.	28	Petterson, John Vinal	21	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
		Blanchard, Hilda Bertha	21	Westford	Lowell
Oct.	31	Prescott, Philip Thompson	34	Westford	Tacoma, Washington
		Carlson, Ada Eleanora	27	Andover	Cambridge
May	2	Prescott, William Benjamin	23	Westford	Lowell
		Curley, Barbara Stockman	24	Westford	Lowell
Oct.	10	Richardson, Ernest Archibald	20	Chelmsford	Woodbury, Vt.
		Parmentier, Rita Ivette	19	Westford	Lowell
May	22	Salter, Russell Lewis	22	Westford	Canton
		Boisvert, Rita Emily	19	Westford	Westford
Sept.	26	Shanahan, Walter Frederick	22	Lowell	Lowell
		LeDuc, Mary Caroline	21	Westford	Westford
Nov.	8	Solazzo, John Joseph	23	Lowell	Lowell
		Zanchi, Grace	21	Westford	Westford
Jan.	1	St. Onge, Joseph Eugene	25	Westford	Lowell
		Rollins, Dorothy Elizabeth	21	Lowell	Billerica
Feb.	26	Swanson, Varnum Hartford	29	Westford	Westford
		Johnstone, Marion	20	Westford	Westford
Feb.	14	Targ, Theodore Joseph	29	Lowell	Lowell
		Wilk, Julia Josephine	23	Westford	Lowell
Apr.	5	Whitney, Chester Matthew	25	Westford	Westford
		Moore, Veracunda Ethel	24	Lowell	Lowell

DATE OF MARRIAGE		NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
Nov.	15	Whitney, Hamilton Edson, Jr.	22	Westford	Westford
		DeSilvio, Minnie Anne	21	Littleton	Littleton
Aug.	30	Whitton, Alfred Joseph	48	Westford	Boston
		Healy, Annie Mary (Costello)	50	Westford	Yorkshire, Eng.
May	23	Zanchi, Nicholas	27	Westford	Westford
		Abrahamson, Harriet Beatrice	22	Westford	Westford
Feb.	14	Zukowski, Edward Ignatcy	25	Holland, N. Y.	Buffalo, N. Y.
		Milot, Alda Mary	21	Westford	Westford

Total Number Recorded 64

## DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1942

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Apr. 18	Balch, Clara Porter (Comey)	80	9	22
Apr. 8	Barretto, John	—	4	hrs.
Apr. 8	Barretto, Joseph	—	1½	hrs.
June 15	Blaisdell, Edson J.	56	7	19
Nov. 25	Feeney, John, husband of Adrith (Carter)	51	10	25
Mar. 7	Gervais, Mary (Supple), wife of Joseph	43	—	—
July 7	Goode, Susan (Litchfield)	81	6	21
Feb. 18	Healy, John A.	86	7	29
July 26	Jeschanin, Stanley	18	11	23
June 15	Kahn, Ernest	16	4	—
Mar. 6	Kelly, Margaret (Matthews)	78	9	24
Nov. 15	Kimball, Annie Elizabeth (Wilson), wife of George A.	72	3	4
Feb. 1	Leclerc, Felix	94	11	14
Oct. 16	LeDuc, Emile Joseph	18	8	8
Aug. 28	Martin, Adelia	83	6	28
Nov. 17	Miller, Lillian Blanche (Whitney)	72	—	17
Aug. 4	Mills, Izetta Lora (Fisher), wife of William H.	54	5	17
Sept. 24	Montminy, Albert	75	11	2
Jan. 3	Nelson, Oscar Alvin	67	4	1
Jan. 10	Nordlof, Ernst A., husband of Ida M.	63	6	22
Oct. 14	Pellerin, Joseph, husband of Alice	50	10	27
Mar. 25	Provost, Ella Frances (Gilson)	68	7	—
Feb. 15	Regnier, Joseph C.	51	5	—
Aug. 20	Sienkiewicz, Martin J., husband of Sophie	58	3	5
Oct. 19	Simpson, John Thomas, husband of Clara E.	69	4	16
Apr. 5	Sullivan, Timothy	77	3	11
Apr. 3	Sygla, Anthony, husband of Anna	51	—	2
May 24	Szylvian, Margaret (Sadorknvezkev), wife of Konstanty	49	8	25
Apr. 20	Weaver, Jessie Catherine (Wilson), wife of George H.	57	7	24
Jan. 1	Williamson, Frederick, husband of Maria	55	5	7

	Males	Females
Total number recorded .....	20	11
Number of Deaths in Town .....	13	4
Residents of Westford .....	18	11

## NOTE

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record or by one or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case.  
(See General Laws, Chapter 46, Section 13.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

Attention is particularly called to the following extracts from the General Laws:

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### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46

Section 1. Each city and town clerk shall receive or obtain and record \*\*\* facts relative to the births \*\*\* in his city or town.

Section 3. Every physician or medical officer registered shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge and \*\*\* shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred a report \*\*\* if the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both father and mother filed \*\*\* Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported \*\*\* A physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars \*\*\*.

Section 4. A member or servant of a family in which a child is born, having knowledge of the facts required \*\*\* shall furnish the same upon request of the clerk of the town \*\*\* or of any person authorized by him. (Penalty for refusing, not more than ten dollars.)

Section 6. Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder within forty days after a birth in his house shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

Section 8. (Penalty for neglect to comply with the provisions of Section 6, not more than five dollars.)

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## GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 207

Section 36. If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth, who return to dwell here, they shall within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the town where either of them lived at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of their marriage including the facts required in a notice of intention of marriage.

Section 55. Whoever violates Section 36 shall forfeit ten dollars.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish, parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital medical officers applying therefor, with blanks for return of births as required by law.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS

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Number of Dogs Licensed January 1, 1942 to December 31, 1942:

207 Males at \$2.00 .....	\$414.00
41 Females at \$5.00 .....	205.00
29 Spayed Females at \$2.00 .....	58.00
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277 Dogs	Total .....
Clerk's fees at 20 cents on 277 licenses .....	\$ 55.40
Paid to Town as per Treasurer's Receipts .....	621.60
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	\$677.00

Number of Dogs listed by Assessors and not collected or reported on by Dog Officers thru December 31, 1942:

Males .....	128
Females .....	14
Spayed Females .....	8
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Total .....	150

The attention of owners and keepers of dogs is called to the following extracts from Chapter 140 of the General Laws as amended:

Section 137. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before March thirty-first, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from April first following \*\*\* in the office of the clerk \*\*\* The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag \*\*\* and upon which shall appear the license number, the name of the town issuing such license and the year of issue.

Section 138. A person who after April first in any year becomes the owner or keeper of a dog which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog when it becomes three months old after March thirty-first in any year, shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed, collared or harnessed and tagged as required by section one hundred and thirty-seven. A person who after April first in any year becomes the owner or keeper of a dog which is duly licensed in the town where kept shall forthwith give notice in writing to the clerk of such town—that he has become such owner or keeper, and said clerk—shall change the record of such license to show the name and address of the new owner or keeper.

Section 139. The fee for every license shall, except as otherwise provided, be two dollars for a male dog and five dollars for a female dog, unless a certificate of a registered veterinarian who performed the operation that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation has been filed with the Town Clerk, in which case the fee shall be two dollars. A certified copy of such certificate on file in the office of any town clerk within the commonwealth may be accepted as evidence that the said operation has been performed.

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED THRU DECEMBER 31, 1942

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For License Year Ending March 31, 1943

Abbood, Arthur A. (m)	Charlton, Frances C. (m)
Abbot, Edward M. (m)	Cole, Dr. Ralph E. (s)
Abbot, Edward M., Jr. (m)	Coleman, Dr. Ralph K. (s)
Abbot, John B. (m)	Collins, Ray P. (m)
Abbot, Natalie B. (s)	Comey, Susannah (m)
Abbott, Jessie (s)	Connell, Leo J. (m)
Abreu, Anthony (1m 1f)	Connolly, Robert (m)
Allen, E. Kent, Jr. (f)	Coupal, Napoleon (m)
Anderson, Donald E. (m)	Courchaine, Clifford J. (m)
Andrews, Leonard E. (f)	Courtemanche, Louis (m)
Bartlett, Alexander J. (m)	Courtney, Samuel J. (m)
Belleville, Lillian M. (m)	Curley, Thomas (m)
Berchtold, Otto H. (s)	Day, Avis E. (m)
Blodgett, Charles A. and Fred R. (f)	Decatur, Frederick J. (m)
Blowey, Adolphus (m)	DeGagne, Samuel J. (m)
Bolyea, Israel (m)	Desmond, David L. (m)
Brown, Elmer P. (s)	Donnelly, Harry G. (m)
Brown, Francis J. (m)	Doucette, Clyde L. (s)
Brule, Joseph (f)	Downie, Daisy J. (m)
Budge, William K. (m)	Downing, Edward A. (m)
Budko, George (m)	Drew, A. Mabel (m)
Burke, George H. (m)	Drew, Ben W. (s)
Burne, Albert J. (m)	Drummy, Thomas P. (m)
Caless, Charlotte (s)	Duveau, Charles E. (m)
Carlow, Thomas A. (m)	Duguid, Alexander Jr. (m)
Carmichael, Charlotte (2f 1m)	Dupras, Fred L. (m)
Carpentier, Frederick F. (s)	Dymowicz, Julian (m)
Carter, W. Wallace (s)	Eastman, Elizabeth A. (m)
Chace, William G. (f)	Edwards, Rita H. (f)

Elliott, Priscilla B. (m)	Keizer, Roy L. (s)
Fallon, Owen P. (1m 1f)	Knowlton, Helen R. (m)
Fecteau, Alderic H. (m)	Latouche, Oliver F. (s)
Feeney, Adrith (m)	Leedberg, Clarence O. (m)
Ferguson, Claire (m)	Lippe, Germain F. (m)
Fisher, Frances B. (m)	Longden, Henry W. (s)
Fletcher, Cynthia (m)	Lyons, Richard A. (m)
Fletcher, Kennard (s)	Maguire, Francis C. (m)
Fletcher, Priscilla K. (m)	Mann, Clarence W. (m)
Fletcher, Walter N. (f)	Mann, George W. (f)
Foss, Raymond (m)	Margeson, Wealthy W. (m)
Friedrich, Valentine (m)	May, Elizabeth A. (m)
Fritz, Otto A. (m)	McCarthy, Arthur (m)
Frost, Alice E. (f)	McClellan, Florence E. (4m)
Gamage, Henry C. (m)	McDonald, William O. (m)
Gantzel, John H. (f)	McKniff, Winifred C. (m)
Gardel, Fortuna (1f 2m)	Menard, Raoul (m)
Gatenby, Frederick W. (m)	Merrick, Mary (m)
Gelinas, Wilfred (m)	Michelson, Jacob (m)
Gelinas, Zachary (2m 1f)	Miller, Everett E. (m)
Gould, Edwin H. (f)	Milot, Armand (m)
Gower, George E. (m)	Moran, Charles R. and Paul F. (m)
Gray, Marjorie R. (m)	Morris, Vernon B. (2m)
Greig, Charlotte P. (f)	Mountain, Albert E. (1m 1f)
Greig, Clara A. (m)	Mountain, Edward P. (m)
Haley, Frank L. (f)	Munroe, Albert H. (f)
Haley, George M. (s)	Nesmith, Norman K. (m)
Hall, Donald H. (m)	Nixon, Warren M. (m)
Hall, John H. (m)	Nold, George W. (s)
Harless, Bert A., Jr. (m)	Nyder, Walter (m)
Harrington, William C. (m)	O'Connell, William (s)
Heathcote, Phillips S. (m)	Odell, Charles Q. (m)
Heman, Robert J. (m)	Olson, Elmer S. (m)
Hildreth, Barbara H. (m)	Olsson, David I. (s)
Hildreth, Harold W. (s)	Orr, Joseph (m)
Hildreth, Leon F. (s)	Ouellette, Ernest D. (m)
Hodgson, Harry (m)	Outhuse, Alec J. (2m)
Hook, Harold P. (m)	Palmer, Mark A. (m)
Hotz, Marie J. 2m)	Perkins, Joseph J. (1m 1f)
Hubbard, Fannie B. (s)	Perrins, Robert H. (m)
Hunt, Edmund J. (m)	Perrins, William A. 3rd (m)
Ingalls, Harry M. (2m)	Peverill, Elmer F. (f)
Jaques, Rufus S. (m)	Phillips, Emily (m)
Jenkins, Mark W. (m)	Phillips, Hamilton G. (f)
Johnson, Florence E. (m)	Profita, Joseph M. (s)
Jordan, Wilfred E. (m)	Provost, Edmund L. (m)

Provost, Mary A. (m)  
 Regnier, Frances E. (m)  
 Rogers, Edmund D. (1m 1f)  
 Rooks, Maurice B. (m)  
 Roudenbush, William C. (s)  
 Sargent, Dorothy R. (m)  
 Sawyer, Estelle (s)  
 Schill, Frederick (m)  
 Scott, Everett A. (2m)  
 Scribner, Hazel F. (m)  
 Shea, W. Raymond (f)  
 Shugrue, Frank P. (m)  
 Simons, Sigmund (m)  
 Sjukvist, Frank (m)  
 Spinner, Robert J. (f)  
 Stanlonis, Jacob (1m 1f)  
 St. Onge, J. Edward (m)  
 Stone, Raymond (m)  
 Succo, Florence (s)  
 Sullivan, Helen (m)  
 Sullivan, Margaret (m)  
 Tandus, John (m)  
 Taylor, William R. (m)  
 Thomas, Mary (m)  
 Traversa, Antonio J. (m)  
 Turnquist, Elmer A. (1s 1m)

Tuttle, Ruth P. (s)  
 Valcourt, Ernest J. (m)  
 Vickers, Ephraim (m)  
 Voropay, Nicholas P. (m)  
 Wajda, Stanley J. (m)  
 Walker, Ruth L. (m)  
 Wark, Alfred T. (m)  
 Wheeler, Susie J. (m)  
 White, Edward J. (m)  
 Whitcomb, Alice E. (s)  
 Whitney, Grace L. (m)  
 Whitney, Hamilton E., Jr. (f)  
 Whitney, John (1m 1f)  
 Williamson, Charles (f)  
 Wilson, T. Arthur E. (m)  
 Wilson, Warren (m)  
 Woodard, Clark (s)  
 Woodruff, Virgil P. (m)  
 Wright, Frank A. (m)  
 Wright, Harold E. (m)  
 Wyman, Carl P. (f)  
 Wyman, Gilbert M. (m)  
 York, J. Ellsworth (m)  
 Young, Norman H. Jr. (f)  
 Zubowicz, Leon (m)

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION—FEBRUARY 9, 1942

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of ballots cast .....	262	231	54	280	827

## TOWN CLERK

Charles L. Hildreth .....	234	153	41	207	635
Victor Daly .....	0	0	0	1	1
Arthur L. Healy .....	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	28	77	13	72	190

## SELECTMAN

Arthur L. Healy .....	216	183	44	242	685
George Gower .....	0	1	0	0	1
Nicholas Sudak Jr .....	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	46	47	10	37	140

## ASSESSOR (three years)

Samuel A. Fletcher .....	205	184	46	212	647
Blanks .....	57	47	8	68	180

## ASSESSOR (one year)

Eric J. Anderson .....	64	58	19	44	185
Albert A. Hildreth .....	164	50	24	38	276
John J. O'Connell .....	31	101	8	183	323
Blanks .....	3	22	3	15	43

## PUBLIC WELFARE

Adelard Brunelle .....	60	107	14	170	351
Samuel A. Richards .....	160	86	31	76	353
Blanks .....	42	38	9	34	123

## CONSTABLE

John F. Sullivan .....	224	159	44	210	637
Cyril A. Blaney .....	0	1	0	0	1
Thomas Boyd .....	0	1	0	0	1
John Eliason .....	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	38	69	10	70	187

# MODERATOR

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Roger H. Hildreth .....	222	142	41	194	599
Blanks .....	40	89	13	86	228

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Clifford J. Courchaine .....	83	111	13	158	365
Thomas Curley .....	209	85	30	78	402
Francis L. Nowers .....	82	42	23	27	174
Maxime Ricard .....	23	66	11	148	248
Blanks .....	127	158	31	149	465

# TRUSTEE OF J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

William R. Taylor .....	219	150	39	205	613
Blanks .....	43	81	15	75	214

# CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

Fred R. Blodgett .....	220	144	41	192	597
Marygan Socha .....	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	42	87	13	87	229

# BOARD OF HEALTH

Dwight W. Cowles .....	214	144	43	174	575
Henry J. Stepinski .....	32	70	7	83	192
Ralph E. Cole .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	15	17	4	23	59

# TREE WARDEN

Harry L. Nesmith .....	228	149	42	204	623
Jacob Ellison .....	0	1	0	0	1
G. Linwood Nesmith .....	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	34	80	12	76	202

We hereby certify that the above is a true canvass of the votes cast at the Annual Town Election held February 9, 1942.

Attest:

JAMES J. McKNIFF  
ALBERT R. WALL  
NORMAN E. DAY  
CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Registrars of Voters

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Town Clerk

Westford, Mass., February 19, 1942

This is to certify that all the requirements of law have been complied with and that the following is a true record of the votes for Member of the Board of Public Welfare at the Annual Town Election held on the ninth day of February, 1942, as determined by a recount held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, February 19, 1942, at seven P. M.

Adelard Brunelle, River St.

VOTES—Three hundred fifty-one ..... 351

Samuel A. Richards, Old Lowell Rd.

VOTES—Three hundred fifty-three ..... 353

BLANKS—One hundred twenty-three ..... 123

NORMAN E. DAY

JAMES J. McKNIFF

ALBERT R. WALL

CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Registrars of Voters of Westford

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—FEBRUARY 16, 1942

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, February 16, 1942, at one o'clock P. M., the following business was transacted:

Roger H. Hildreth, Town Moderator, was sworn in by Charles L. Hildreth, Town Clerk, and called the meeting to order.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

Article 1. Voted that the reports of the Finance Committee, other Committees, Boards and Officers be accepted as printed.

Article 2. Voted that the compensation of Town Officers be as follows: Selectmen, Chairman \$150.00; other two members \$125.00 each; Board of Public Welfare, Chairman \$20.00; other two members \$10.00 each; Town Treasurer \$700.00; Town Clerk \$100.00; Collector of Taxes .75 of 1¢ of the amount collected; Tree Warden \$0.53 per hour; Assessors \$4.50 per day of eight hours; Registrars and Assistant Registrars of Voters \$4.50 per day of eight hours, for listing as required by law.

Article 3. Voted that under this Article each item be considered separately.

1. Voted that the sum of \$7400.00 be appropriated for General Government to be divided as follows: Selectmen \$600.00; License Expenses \$75.00; Town Treasurer \$1050.00; Town Accountant \$975.00; Assessors \$1200.00; Tax Collector \$1600.00; Town Counsel \$200.00; Tax Title Expenses \$300.00; Town Clerk \$400.00; Election and Registration \$1000.00.
2. Voted that the sum of \$2500.00 be appropriated for the General Expenses of the Town Hall.
3. Voted to take up each item separately.
  - A. Voted not to appropriate \$100.00 for Safety Signs.
  - B. Voted to appropriate \$250.00 for Road Marking.
  - C. Voted to appropriate \$5975.00 for General Expenses of the Police Department.

4. Voted to take up each item separately.

A motion to appropriate \$4500.00 for the Fire Department was lost.

Voted to appropriate \$4000.00 for the Fire Department.

Voted to appropriate \$500.00 for Fire Hose.

Voted to appropriate \$500.00 for permanent man.

5. Voted unanimously to take up Articles 27 and 28 before Article 3, Item 5.

Article 27. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town with the Westford Water Company on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable for three additional hydrants,, two on North Street and one on Groton Road for a period not to exceed five years.

Article 28. A motion that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town with the Westford Water Company on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable for one hydrant on Hildreth Street for a period not to exceed five years, was lost.

Article 3.—Item 5. Voted that the sum of \$3255.00 be appropriated for Fire Hydrants.

6. Voted that the sum of \$125.00 be appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.
7. Voted that the sum of \$75.00 be appropriated for the salary and expenses of the Fish and Game Warden.
8. Voted that the sum of \$1000.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of Fighting Forest Fires.
9. Voted that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Town Forest.
10. Voted that the sum of \$250.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Tree Warden.
11. A motion that the sum of \$1738.17 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Moth Department was lost.  
Voted that the sum of \$900.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Moth Department.
12. Voted that the sum of \$3500.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Health Department.

13. Voted that the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated for the salary and expenses of the Cattle Inspector.
14. A. Voted that the sum of \$3000.00 be appropriated for Snow and Ice Removal.  
B. Voted that the sum of \$1500.00 be appropriated for Town Roads.  
C. Voted that the sum of \$10,240.67 be appropriated for Roads under Chapter 81.  
D. Voted that the sum of \$3000.00 be appropriated for Maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, on condition that like amounts be contributed by either or both the State and County respectively, to be used in conjunction therewith.
15. Voted unanimously to take up Article 9 before Article 3, Item 15.

Article 9. Voted that the sum of \$600.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of erecting a new shed at the Town Farm, the same to be erected under the supervision of the Board of Public Welfare.

- Article 3—Item 15. A. Voted that the sum of \$12,300.00 be appropriated for Temporary Aid and Infirmary, \$300.00 of said appropriation to be expended for painting the Infirmary Building.
- B. Voted that the sum of \$3500.00 be appropriated for Aid to Dependent Children.
- C. Voted that the sum of \$16,500.00 be appropriated for Old Age Assistance.

Article 3—16. Voted that the sum of \$4500.00 be appropriated for Soldiers' Benefits.

17. Voted that the sum of \$75,000.00 be appropriated for the School Department, General Expenses.
18. Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for Vocational School Tuition.
19. Voted that the sum of \$2400.00, together with the receipts from Dog Licenses in 1941, be appropriated for the expenses of the Public Library.
20. Voted that the sum of \$350.00 be appropriated for the Care of the Common.

21. Voted that the sum of \$250.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of commemorating Memorial Day.
22. Voted that the sum of \$625.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of publishing and distributing the Town Reports.
23. Voted that the sum of \$1300.00 be appropriated for Compensation Insurance.
24. Voted that the sum of \$1350.00 be appropriated for Fire Insurance.
25. Voted that the sum of \$9500.00 be appropriated for General Loans.
26. Voted that the sum of \$444.12 be appropriated for Interest on General Loans.
27. Voted that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated for Interest on Revenue Loans.
28. Voted to take up Article 22 before Article 3, Item 28.

Article 22. Voted that under this Article each Item be considered separately.

- A. Voted to dismiss the Item relative to installing five lights on Tyngsboro Road.
- B. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to install four lights on Tenney Road.
- C. Voted not to install three lights on Abbot Street.
- D. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to remove four lights from the number now in use in the Town.

Article 3—Item 28. Voted that the sum of \$2500.00 be appropriated for Cemeteries.

29. Voted that the sum of \$6945.00 be appropriated for Street Lights.
30. Voted unanimously to take up Articles 29 and 30 before Article 3, Item 30.

Article 29. Voted that the Town accept gifts made to it by the Solomon Hyams Fund, Inc., during the years 1939, 1940, and 1941, and that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to accept and receipt on behalf of the Town for such gift as the said Hyams Fund may make to the Town during the year 1942.

Article 30. Voted that the sum of \$1229.05, together with accumulated interest thereon, received by the Town as gifts from the Solomon Hyams Fund, Inc., during the years 1938 to 1941, inclusive, be transferred to and used by the Finance Committee as a Reserve Fund under the Provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6.

30. Voted unanimously to take up Article 31 before Article 3, Item 30.

Article 31. Voted that the sum of \$3000.00 be raised and appropriated to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6.

Article 3—30. Voted to dismiss Item 30 which was relative to a Reserve Fund.

31. Voted that the sum of \$980.81 be appropriated to pay Bills Outstanding as of December 31, 1941, to be divided as follows: Temporary Aid \$644.02; Old Age Assistance \$216.64; Health Department \$36.00; Police Department \$24.70; Fire Department \$44.45; Soldiers' Benefits \$15.00.

Article 4. Voted unanimously that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1942, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes which may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Chapter 44, section 17 of the General Laws.

Article 5. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to act as the Agent of the Town in any suit or suits which may arise during the current year, with authority to settle and adjust claims or demands for or against the Town, and to employ counsel whenever necessary in their judgment.

Article 6. Voted unanimously that Morris A. Hall be elected a member of the Whitney Playground Committee.

Article 7. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Care of the Whitney Playground.

Article 8. Voted that the sum of \$4200.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of carrying on Federal and State Projects, the cost of administration and the cost of materials and supplies for the same, and that the appropriation be used for a Luncheon Project and that the Project be put on a contributory basis and be made practically self supporting.

Article 10. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to sell the old Fire House Building at Forge Village and require the purchaser as a condition of the sale to remove the said building from land of the Abbot Worsted Company within such time as the Selectmen shall direct; and to execute and acknowledge on behalf of the Town such instruments as may be necessary to pass title to the said building.

Article 11. On a motion that the sum of \$540.00 be raised and appropriated to reimburse Cyril A. Blaney for expenses incurred by him in the defense of the suit of Raymond vs. Cyril A. Blaney while acting as physician to the Board of Health in the Health Clinic, a standing vote resulted in a tie 64 Yes to 64 No; Roger K. Poole and Francis J. Brown acted as Tellers. The Moderator then appointed Roger K. Poole, Francis J. Brown, Alice V. Day, John J. MacLeod and Leo J. Connell as Tellers and a written ballot was taken by Precincts, the check lists being used. The result of the vote was Yes 66, No 95, Blanks 5, Total Vote 166, and the motion was therefore lost.

Article 12. Voted that the sum of \$4550.00 be raised and appropriated, and the further sum of \$1200.00 be transferred from the Highway Equipment Account for the purpose of purchasing a new power grader for the Highway Department, the same to be purchased under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 13. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to transfer by a good and sufficient bill of sale title to the Fordson grader now used in the Highway Department and apply the sum received therefor against the purchase price of said new power grader.

Article 14. Voted that the sum of \$4000.00 be transferred from the Machinery Fund to the Highway Equipment Account.

Article 15. Voted to dismiss this Article which was relative to the purchasing of an automobile truck for the Highway Department.

Article 16. Voted to dismiss this Article.

Article 17. Voted that the sum of \$450.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing an automobile for the Police Department, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 18. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to transfer by a good and sufficient bill of sale title to the police car now used by the Police Department and apply the sum received therefor against the purchase price of the new police car.

Article 19. A motion to dismiss this Article was lost.

Voted that the sum of \$8500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck and equipment, the same to be purchased under the supervision of the Engineers of the Fire Department.

Article 20. Voted 45 to 6 that the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated for Band Concerts during the current year.

Article 21. Voted that the sum of \$27.50 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying a judgment rendered against the Town in a Court of Law.

Article 23. A motion that the sum of \$1000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purposes set forth in Section 1 of Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, and including the expenses of the Tire Rationing Board, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Westford Committee on Public Safety, was lost.

Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for the purposes set forth in Section 1 of Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, and including the expenses of the Tire Rationing Board, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Westford Committee on Public Safety.

Article 24. A motion that the name of Depot Street be changed to Tyngsboro Road, and the name of Depot Road be changed to Tyngsboro Road, so that the road leading from Main Street in Westford to the Tyngsboro line will for its entire length be named Tyngsboro Road was lost by a vote of Yes 9, No 16.

Article 25. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town with the Abbot Worsted Company on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable for hydrant service at Brookside for a period not to exceed five years.

Article 26. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town with the Westford Water Company on such terms and conditions as they deem advisable for hydrant service for a period not to exceed five years.

Article 32. Voted that in order to obtain a final dividend of \$165.69 on claims numbered 11844 to 11849, inclusive, of the Town of Westford against the Traders National Bank of Lowell, Mass., the Receiver's Certificates evidence such claims against the said insolvent Traders National Bank of Lowell not having been sold or assigned to any person but having been lost or destroyed and now being the property of the Town, the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized on behalf of the Town to enter into an agreement providing in substance that the Town will, upon receipt of said sum of money from the Comptroller of the Currency, indemnify said Comptroller against any loss which might be sustained in the event the said Receiver's Certificates are surrendered by an assignee and ownership thereof established in any other person or firm other than the Town of Westford, and the said agreement to further provide that in the event the said documents are ever located they will be immediately forwarded to the Comptroller of the Currency, Division of Insolvent National Banks, Washington, D. C.

Article 33. Voted that the Board of Assessors be and hereby are authorized to use as free cash a sum of money in such amount as the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth shall approve, not however, in excess of \$6000.00; the said sum of money to be applied in determining the tax rate for the year 1942.

Article 34. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

Article 35. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Town Clerk

# STATE ELECTION—NOVEMBER 3, 1942

Party Designations: (R) Republican; (D) Democrat; (SL) Socialist Labor; (C) Communist; (S) Socialist; (P) Prohibition.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of ballots cast .	328	290	117	374	1109

## GOVERNOR

Roger L. Putnam (D) .....	65	184	48	271	568
Leverett Saltonstall (R) .....	258	96	66	90	510
Henning A. Blomen (SL) .....	0	0	1	0	1
Otis A. Hood (C) .....	2	1	0	0	3
Joseph Massidda (S) .....	0	0	0	0	0
Guy S. Williams (P) .....	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	3	8	2	13	26

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Horace T. Cahill (R) .....	262	101	77	98	538
John C. Carr (D) .....	58	159	31	246	494
Walter S. Hutchins (S) .....	0	1	2	1	4
George L. McGlynn (SL) .....	0	7	1	0	8
E. Frank Searle (P) .....	0	2	0	2	4
Blanks .....	8	20	6	27	61

## SECRETARY

Joseph J. Buckley (D) .....	50	152	32	243	477
Frederic W. Cook (R) .....	266	90	80	99	535
Bernard G. Kelly (SL) .....	0	8	0	2	10
Abbie L. Tebbets (P) .....	1	3	0	0	4
Peter Warttinen, Jr. (S) .....	1	3	1	1	6
Blanks .....	10	34	4	29	77

## TREASURER

Laurence Curtis (R) .....	251	85	71	89	496
Francis X. Hurley (D) .....	60	163	38	254	515
Martha E. Geer (P) .....	2	2	0	1	5
Gote Elvel Palmquist (SL) .....	2	4	0	0	6
Anders H. Swenson (S) .....	1	4	2	1	8
Blanks .....	12	32	6	29	79

# AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley (D) .....	60	161	39	256	516
Russell A. Wood (R) .....	249	81	69	80	479
Herbert Crabtree (SL) .....	2	4	0	1	7
Ethel J. Prince (P) .....	0	3	0	1	4
Blanks .....	17	41	9	36	103

# ATTORNEY GENERAL

James E. Agnew (D) .....	39	126	24	208	397
Robert T. Bushnell (R) .....	280	131	88	124	623
Charles F. Danforth (P) .....	0	1	0	2	3
Fred E. Oelcher (SL) .....	1	5	0	0	6
Howard Penley (S) .....	1	1	0	0	2
Blanks .....	7	26	5	40	78

# SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Joseph E. Casey (D) .....	45	128	26	193	392
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (R) ..	273	131	87	159	650
Horace I. Hillis (SL) .....	0	6	0	0	6
George L. Paine (S) .....	1	3	0	0	4
George L. Thompson (P) .....	1	2	1	1	5
Blanks .....	8	20	3	21	52

# CONGRESSMAN—Fifth District

Edith Nourse Rogers (R) .....	306	220	100	281	907
Blanks .....	22	70	17	93	202

# COUNCILLOR—Third District

Frank A. Brooks (R) .....	265	94	78	104	541
William F. A. Graham (D) .....	40	136	26	212	414
Blanks .....	23	60	13	58	154

# SENATOR—First Middlesex District

Thomas F. Markham (D) .....	61	139	45	220	465
Joseph F. Montminy (R) .....	249	116	67	125	557
Blanks .....	18	35	5	29	87

# REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

## Eleventh Middlesex District

John H. Valentine (R) .....	287	195	99	245	826
Samuel A. Fletcher .....	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	41	94	18	129	282

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY—Northern District

Robert F. Bradford (R) .....	291	138	87	141	657
Joseph R. Corish (D) .....	26	112	25	190	353
Blanks .....	11	40	5	43	99

## REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY—Middlesex County

Loring P. Jordan (R) .....	249	85	79	81	494
William F. McCarty (D) .....	58	158	33	237	486
Blanks .....	21	47	5	56	129

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER—Middlesex County

Thomas B. Brennan (D) .....	57	149	34	236	476
Charles C. Warren (R) .....	247	91	74	85	497
Blanks .....	24	50	9	53	136

## COUNTY TREASURER—Middlesex County

Charles P. Howard (R) .....	282	161	92	183	718
Blanks .....	46	129	25	191	391

## QUESTION NO. 1

### LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Shall the proposed measure which provides that the present statutes which make it a crime punishable by fine or imprisonment knowingly to advertise, print, publish, distribute or circulate any matter containing reference to any person from whom or place where any drug, instrument or means whatever, or any advice or information may be obtained, for the purpose of preventing pregnancy, or to sell, lend, give away, exhibit, offer or advertise any drug, medicine, instrument or other article for the prevention of conception, or to write or print information of any kind stating when, where, how, of whom, or by what means such article can be obtained, or to manu-

facture or make such article, shall not apply to treatment or prescription given to married persons for protection of life or health by or under the direction of registered physicians nor to teaching in chartered medical schools nor to publication or sale of medical treatises or journals, which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 77 in the affirmative and 133 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 16 in the affirmative and 18 in the negative, be approved?

Yes .....	175	75	44	62	356
No .....	88	143	53	241	525
Blanks .....	65	72	20	71	228

1. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

Yes .....	132	173	75	260	640
No .....	152	56	26	45	279
Blanks .....	44	61	16	69	190

2. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

Yes .....	140	160	77	242	619
No .....	137	44	24	37	242
Blanks .....	51	86	16	95	248

3. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

No .....	155	165	77	244	641
Yes .....	122	41	22	42	227
Blanks .....	51	84	18	88	241

1. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

Yes .....	118	136	49	196	499
No .....	147	74	44	62	327
Blanks .....	63	80	24	116	283

2. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this country?

Yes .....	104	116	43	157	420
No .....	151	75	46	66	338
Blanks .....	73	99	28	151	351

#### QUESTION OF PUBLIC POLICY

"Shall the Representative in the General Court from this district be instructed to vote to request the President and Congress to call at the earliest possible moment a convention of Representatives of all free peoples, to frame a Federal Constitution under which they may unite in a Democratic World Government?"

Yes .....	174	121	62	161	518
No .....	41	28	11	55	135
Blanks .....	113	141	44	158	456

#### REPRESENTATIVE VOTE BY TOWNS

	Acton	Carlisle	Chelmsford	Tyngsboro	Westford	
John H. Valentine, Chelmsford.....	908	197	2290	368	826	4589
Samuel Fletcher, Westford .....	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	144	41	381	82	282	930
Total .....	1052	238	2671	450	1109	5520

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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To the Citizens of Westford:

The Board organized for the year with Arthur M. Whitley, Chairman, Arthur L. Healy, Secretary and Cyril A. Blaney as the third member.

Reports of the various committees and boards are herein printed. Leo R. Larkin was appointed Forest Warden, and the rest of the appointments were the same as of the previous year.

A report of the Annual Audit is printed herein.

Owing to the war many curtailments had to be made in various ways, and no new equipment for the highways was purchased.

The resignation of Harold W. Hildreth as Town Accountant was accepted with regrets.

The W. P. A. School Lunch has been carried on during the school year and as the figures in the Town Accountant's report will show, has with the exception of the first three months nearly paid for the part the Town has contributed. The first three months the lunches were given without charge, due to the fact it was not voted otherwise until the annual Town Meeting. The price is now fifteen cents per lunch.

Signed:

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY

ARTHUR L. HEALY

CYRIL A. BLANEY

Selectmen

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

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Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the Highway Superintendent for year ending 1942.

The work of the department has been carried on during the year in about the manner of previous years. As in the past four years an estimate of the types and cost of the work by streets was made and approved by the State Department of Public Works on Chapter 81 and by both the State and County on Chapter 90 Maintenance. Bids on all materials to be used were asked for, awards made and approved by the Selectmen.

The allotment on Chapter 81 for year 1942 was \$22,825. The State contributed \$12,450 and the Town \$10,375, making a total of \$22,825. All of the money was not spent, on account of not being able to buy asphalt, tar and other materials. The sum of \$3000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance to which the State and County contributed like amounts, making a total of \$9000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN HEALY

Supt. of Streets

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Westford, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1942 for the Police Department.

Report to the Department of Correction has been made.

Arrests made .....	36
Assault and battery .....	3
Abandoned autos .....	6
Auto violations .....	10
Auto accidents .....	14
Auto transfers .....	104
Auto registrations .....	8
Auto Licenses suspended .....	7
Auto Licenses revoked .....	9
Appeals case to Superior Court .....	5
Cases in Ayer Court .....	26
Civil and Criminal Case in Superior Court .....	9
Collected for Dog Licenses .....	\$ 115.00
Collected for Sunday Licenses .....	\$ 48.00
Collected for beer licenses .....	\$2142.30
Cruelty to children .....	3
Complaints against dog .....	38
Complaints against minors .....	108
Complaints investigated cruelty to animals .....	9
Complaints on dead animals left on top of ground .....	10
Complaints on Suspicious person .....	19
Camps broken into .....	7
Dog killed by automobiles .....	12
Dog shot .....	10
Duty at public gathering .....	165
Dances .....	104
Driving under the influence of liquor .....	7
Driving so to endanger .....	4
Disturbance of the peace .....	17
Drunkenness .....	10
Driving without licenses .....	4

Fruit thieves .....	5
Family disturbances .....	108
Fires attended .....	17
Fines in Ayer Court .....	\$ 405.00
Funeral attended .....	22
In lockup at Town farm .....	21
Idle and disorderly .....	32
Investigations made .....	646
Jurors .....	3
Breaking and entering in the night time .....	7
Men taken to jail .....	6
Operating a motor vehicle without a license .....	3
Operating so as to endanger lives .....	5
Leaving scene after injury to property .....	2
Larceny complaints .....	52
Notices posted .....	21
Public nuisance in beer places .....	96
Pedestrians struck by automobiles .....	3
Petty complaints .....	932
Summonses and Notices served .....	82
Warrant served .....	11
Electric wires down on streets .....	21
Lay watching in different places .....	29
Inspection of Camps weekly in the winter time .....	272
Malicious injury to property .....	2
For illegal possession of Explosives .....	2

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, Court Officers, Officer Connell, and the other Special Officer of the Town of Westford, for their advice, co-operation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SULLIVAN,

Chief of Police.

## JURY LIST—1943

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Name	Occupation	Address
Abrahamson, Harry B.	Truck Driver	Frances Hill Road
Anderson, Eric J.	Clerk	Hildreth Street
Blaisdell, Chester E.	Farmer	So. Chelmsford Road
Boisvert, Romeo	Salesman	Canal Street
Brule, Adelard	Teamster	North Street
Cantin, Alexander	Laborer	Graniteville Road
Cavanagh, Norman C.	Millhand	Prescott Street
Connell, Harold F.	Wool Sorter	Prescott Street
Costello, Joseph F.	Wool Sorter	Pershing Street
Cote, Edward	Merchant	North Street
Curley, Thomas	Welding Supply Dealer	Boston Road
Dailey, Edward	Salesman	Lincoln Street
DeLaHaye, Edmund	Painter	Prescott Street
Dennechuk, Peter	Millhand	Broadway Street
Doucette, Victor G.	Truck Driver	River Street
Dunigan, Paul L.	Clerk	Fourth Street
Ellison, Fred	Wool Sorter	Fourth Street
Flanagan, Charles, Sr.	Machinist	Prescott Street
Ferguson, Howard H.	Gardener	Main Street
Fletcher, Walter N.	Ins. Agent	Main Street
Gelinas, Wilfred	Millhand	Main Street
Gower, Thomas W.	Chauffeur	Main Street
Greenslade, Arthur T.	Carpenter	Pershing Street
Greig, John S.	Funeral Director	Main Street
Healy, Harold	Truck Driver	Prescott Street
Holt, Donald	Machinist	Pond Street
Ingalls, Frank G.	Machinist	Cross Street
Johnstone, Thomas	Farmer	Lowell Road
Kane, Lawrence	Wool Sorter	Pleasant Street
Kelly, James	Wool Sorter	Lincoln Avenue
Kelly, John W.	Wool Sorter	Abbot Street
Lassonde, Remi	Second Hand	Abbot Street
Lavigne, Francis J.	Laborer	New Street
LeDuc, Francis A.	Chauffeur	River Street
LeDuc, Henry A.	Checker	Third Street
Lundgren, Vanner W.	Granite Worker	Nabnasset Street
Mann, Clarence W.	Farmer	Flagg Road
McIntosh, John	Millhand	Concord Road
Milot, Aime	Wool Sorter	Story Street

Milot, Donat	Millhand	Bradford Street
McCarthy, Thomas	Machinst	Broadway Street
McDonald, Alec	Farmer	Concord Road
McMurray, James	Wool Sorter	Pleasant Street
O'Hara, James J.	Wool Sorter	Pleasant Street
Orr, Robert J.	Shipper	Prescott Street
Payne, J. Henry	Wool Sorter	Broadway Street
Regan, John E.	Millhand	River Street
Reeves, George E.	Merchant	Second Street
Robinson, Frederick G.	Farmer	Boston Road
Shea, Herbert	Farmer	Cold Spring Road
Spinner, Robert J.	Truck Driver	Boston Road
Stepinski, Henry J.	Draftsman	River Street
Stone, Stanley K.	Carpenter	Concord Road
Sundberg, Rupert F.	Printer	Lowell Road
StOnge, Edward J.	Painter	Brookside Road
StOnge, George	Merchant	Brookside Road
Stuart, Edward F.	Stone Cutter	Broadway Street
Venn, John J.	Wool Sorter	Prescott Street
Walsh, Edward	Wool Sorter	Prescott Street

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY,

ARTHUR L. HEALY,

CYRIL A. BLANEY,

Selectmen of Westford.

January 15, 1943.

## REPORT OF THE STATE AUDITOR

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Mr. Theodore N. Waddell  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Westford for the period from September 7, 1941, the date of the previous audit, to August 1, 1942, and submit the following report thereon:

The recorded financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the books of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts kept by the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded on the ledger were checked with the records of the several departments making payments to the treasurer and with the treasurer's books, while the recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants issued by the selectmen and with the treasurer's cash book. The appropriations and transfers as recorded on the ledger were checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings, and with the finance committee's records of transfers from the reserve fund. A trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on August 1, 1942.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and checked with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the treasury, while the payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds. The cash book additions were verified and the cash balance on August 1, 1942, was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The payments made for maturing debt and interest were checked and compared with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of trust funds in custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the transfers to the town being compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts.

The records of tax titles were examined and reconciled with the tax books and with the town accountant's ledger, being further verified by comparison with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The poll, property and motor vehicle excise taxes outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and checked to the warrants for their collection. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The departmental accounts committed for collection were examined and checked. The commitments were proved, the recorded receipts were checked with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were compared with the records in the departments authorized to grant them, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

Verification of the correctness of the outstanding tax and departmental accounts were made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of licenses issued by the selectmen, town clerk, and health department were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and the town were verified.

The surety bonds of the town officials required by law to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures, as well as of all other departments collecting money or committing bills for collection,

were examined, the payments to the treasurer being compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and the collector's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from the officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

HBD:MMH

Assistant Director of Accounts



Tax Titles .....	\$..	4,281.39	Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:
Departmental:			
Fire .....	41.28		Levy of 1937 .....\$ 2.00
Health .....	128.00		Levy of 1939 ..... 25.00
Temporary Aid .....	1,220.05		Levy of 1940 ..... 716.40
Old Age Assistance .....	190.32		Levy of 1941 ..... 1,041.22
Aid to Dependent Children .....	16.69		Levy of 1942 ..... 1,460.92
State Aid .....	70.00		.....\$ 3,245.54
Military Aid .....	330.00		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:
Soldiers' Burials .....	180.00		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....\$ 2,446.27
War Allowances .....	175.00		Tax Title ..... 4,281.39
Cemetery .....	367.00		Departmental ..... 2,718.34
		<u>\$ 2,718.34</u>	.....\$ 9,446.00
State Aid to Highways.....	\$	11,509.49	Revenue 1942 ..... \$ 6.00
County Aid to Highways .....		3,223.11	Surplus Revenue ..... \$ 32,261.12
Estimated Receipts to be Collected	\$	46,748.16	
		<u>\$ 314,490.61</u>	.....\$ 314,490.61

# DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt .....	\$	13,900.00	Graniteville School Loan .....	*\$ 2,000.00
			Westford Academy Loan .....	900.00
			Frost School Loan .....	11,000.00
		<u>\$ 13,900.00</u>		<u>\$ 13,900.00</u>

\*Exclusive of \$1,000 on deposit in the Debt and Coupon account in the Union National Bank of Lowell to be withdrawn and credited back to maturing debt appropriations of 1942.

# TRUST ACCOUNTS

## Trust Funds—Cash and Securities:

Principal .....  
Income .....

\$ 53,269.19  
7,259.43

Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....\$ 2,500.00  
Library Trust Funds ..... 11,706.08  
Emily Fletcher Library Lecture  
Fund ..... 2,000.00  
Whitney Playground Fund ..... 10,000.00  
Metcalf Monument Fund ..... 2,000.00  
Lyman E. Wilkins Cemetery Fund 1,413.11  
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds ... 23,650.00

53,269.19

Whitney Shade Tree Fund Income..\$ 484.49  
Library Trust Funds Income ..... 151.35  
Emily Fletcher Library Lecture  
Fund Income ..... 911.86  
Whitney Playground Fund Income 300.90  
Metcalf Monument Fund Income.... 300.38  
Lyman E. Wilkins Cemetery Fund  
Income ..... 21.26  
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds  
Income ..... 5,089.19

7,259.43

\$ 60,528.62

\$ 60,528.62

# REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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To the Citizens of the Town of Westford:

I herewith present my twenty-first and last Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with the General Laws.

All are reminded that all my books are open to the public for inspection at any time.

## RECEIPTS

### General Revenue

#### Taxes:

##### Current Year:

Poll .....	\$ 1,686.00	
Personal .....	15,288.67	
Real Estate .....	110,557.30	
		<hr/> \$127,531.97

##### Previous Years:

Poll .....	\$ 368.00	
Personal .....	1,184.12	
Property .....	17,578.95	
		<hr/> \$ 19,131.07

Tax Title Redemption .....	1,946.32
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#### From State:

Corporation Tax .....	\$ 27,488.77	
Income Tax .....	17,500.80	
		<hr/> \$ 44,989.57

#### Permits and Licenses:

Liquor .....	\$ 2,416.65	
All Other .....	183.00	
Permits .....	42.50	
		<hr/> \$ 2,642.15

#### Fines:

Court .....	\$ 10.10
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#### Grants and Gifts:

##### From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance .....	\$ 13,917.15	
Aid to Dependent Children .....	2,593.28	
		<hr/> \$ 16,510.43

From State:			
Vocational Tuition .....	\$	164.47	
Chapter 222 .....		10,615.34	
Chapter 81, Roads .....		7,760.76	
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax ....		173.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 18,714.07
From County:			
Dog Licenses .....	\$	618.52	\$ 618.52
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:			
Current Year .....	\$	8,626.12	
Previous Year .....		1,202.80	
		<hr/>	\$ 9,828.92
Departmental Revenue:			
General			
Collector .....	\$	56.94	
Town Hall .....		88.30	
		<hr/>	\$ 145.24
Protections of Persons and Property:			
Police Department .....			\$ 54.75
Fire Department			
Rent .....	\$	14.80	
Sale of Building .....		111.28	
Sealer .....		47.95	
Forest Fires .....		60.05	
		<hr/>	\$ 234.08
Health .....			\$ 576.06
Highways:			
Joint Maintenance			
State .....	\$	2,988.41	
County .....		3,137.68	
		<hr/>	\$ 6,126.09
Joint Construction:			
State .....	\$	559.65	
County .....		515.71	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,075.36
Highway Machinery Fund .....			\$ 3,817.06
All Other .....			\$ 50.85
Welfare:			
Infirmary .....	\$	6,274.88	
Temporary Aid			
State .....		223.45	
Cities and Towns .....		663.15	

Aid to Dependent Children			
State .....	4,215.21		
Old Age Assistance			
State .....	11,776.25		
Cities and Towns .....	96.14		
			\$ 23,249.08
Soldiers' Benefits:			
State Aid .....	\$ 70.00		
Military Aid .....	195.00		
Soldiers' Burials .....	180.00		
			\$ 445.00
Schools:			
Tuition .....	\$ 126.54		
Lunches .....	2,277.60		
All Other .....	12.78		
			\$ 2,416.92
Library:			
Fines and Sale of Junk .....	\$ 173.34	\$ 173.34	
All Other .....		\$ 759.70	
Gifts .....		\$ 300.00	
Cemeteries:			
Lot Care .....	\$ 414.00		
Opening Graves .....	282.00		
Care of Endowed Lots .....	516.00		
Sale of Lots .....	30.00		
			\$ 1,242.00
Interest:			
Deferred Taxes .....	\$ 910.13		
Metcalf Monument Fund .....	120.00		
Library Fund .....	493.67		
			\$ 1,523.80
Municipal Indebtedness:			
Anticipation of Revenue .....	\$ 60,000.00		
Anticipation of Reimbursement .....	15,000.00		
			\$ 75,000.00
Agency and Trust:			
Agency			
County, Dog Licenses .....	\$ 621.60		
Trust:			
Perpetual Care Funds .....	915.69		
Metcalf Monument Funds .....	85.00		
			\$ 1,622.29

Refunds:

Departmental .....	\$ 1,334.31	
Other .....	7.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,342.06
Total .....		\$362,076.80
Balance on Hand .....		87,420.27
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		\$449,497.07

EXPENDITURES

General Government:

Selectmen

Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 520.00	
Stationery and Advertising .....	21.17	
	<hr/>	\$ 541.17

License Expenses:

Wages .....	\$ 10.00	
Stationery and Advertising .....	42.06	
	<hr/>	\$ 52.06

Town Treasurer:

Salary .....	\$ 700.00	
Stationery .....	148.37	
Bond and Insurance .....	147.50	
Certification of Notes .....	4.00	
All Other .....	37.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,037.37

Tax Title Expenses:

Legal Services .....	\$ 102.48	\$ 102.48
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Town Accountant:

Salary .....	\$ 900.00	
Stationery .....	40.45	
All Other .....	17.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 957.95

Tax Collector:

Commission .....	\$ 1,180.95	
Legal Services .....	38.60	
Printing and Stationery .....	218.50	
Bond and Insurance .....	231.00	
All Other .....	24.99	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,694.04

Assessors:

Wages .....	\$	846.66	
Clerk .....		123.00	
Stationery .....		78.67	
Travel .....		98.74	
			\$ 1,147.07

Town Counsel:

Legal Services .....	\$	297.65	
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Town Clerk:

Salary .....	\$	100.00	
Recording Fees .....		138.00	
Printing and Stationery .....		67.81	
Bond .....		7.50	
All Other .....		6.60	
			\$ 319.91

Registration and Election:

Registrars, Wages .....	\$	667.25	
Election Officers, Wages .....		276.00	
Advertising .....		50.75	
Printing and Stationery .....		197.99	
Rent .....		83.00	
			\$ 1,274.99

\$ 7,424.69

Town Hall:

Janitor .....	\$	984.00	
Fuel .....		605.47	
Light .....		207.97	
Janitor's Supplies .....		36.73	
Repairs .....		350.16	
Alterations .....		1,484.02	
Water Rates .....		26.48	
All Other .....		25.85	
Telephone .....		126.02	

\$ 3,846.70

Protection of Persons & Property:

Compensation Insurance .....	\$	1,060.64	
Fire Insurance .....		1,304.14	

\$ 2,364.78

Police Department:

Salaries .....	\$	3,999.92	
Special Officers .....		341.10	
Transportation .....		450.00	
Auto .....		450.00	
Auto Upkeep .....		304.92	
Gasoline .....		347.07	

Equipment .....	324.91	
Phone .....	126.04	
Street Marking .....	285.71	
Silent Police .....	36.85	
All Other .....	23.10	
		\$ 6,689.62
Fire Department:		
Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 1,428.30	
Apparatus:		
Truck .....	\$ 4,817.98	
Upkeep .....	1,029.46	
Hose .....	500.00	
Gasoline .....	88.03	
Insurance .....	411.45	
		\$ 6,846.92
Hydrants .....	\$ 3,255.00	
Other Expenses:		
Building Upkeep .....	\$ 294.79	
Telephone .....	71.36	
Fuel and Light .....	643.62	
All Other .....	9.63	
		\$ 1,019.40
Permanent Man .....	\$ 500.00	
		\$ 13,049.62
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	\$ 106.95	
Game Warden .....	\$ 75.00	
Forestry:		
Moth Department:		
Labor .....	\$ 311.60	
Equipment .....	118.35	
Arsenate of Lead .....	458.16	
All Other .....	28.05	
		\$ 916.16
Trimming of Trees .....	\$ 230.84	
Forest Fires:		
Labor .....	\$ 694.20	
Transportation .....	26.00	
All Other .....	64.12	
		\$ 784.32
		\$ 1,931.32
Health Department:		
Administration .....	\$ 149.50	
Office Supplies .....	56.49	

Contagious Diseases:

Medical .....	27.00
Reimbursement .....	87.85
Tuberculosis, Board & Treatment .....	337.75
Nurse, Salary .....	1,350.00
Auto, Upkeep .....	344.92
Dentist .....	324.00
Dumps, Labor .....	208.00
Milk Inspection .....	53.00
All Other .....	22.55
Cattle Inspector .....	150.00

————— \$ 3,111.06  
\$ 6,930.00

Street Lights, Current .....

Highway Department:

Snow and Ice Removal:

Wages .....	\$ 1,256.37
Trucks .....	299.50
Repairs and Upkeep .....	415.46
Gas and Oil .....	24.51
Salt .....	273.00

————— \$ 2,268.84

Town Roads:

Wages .....	\$ 180.45
Material .....	98.75
Sand .....	49.60

————— \$ 328.80

Chapter 81 Roads:

Wages .....	\$ 1,710.00
Town Equipment .....	9,171.10
Hired Equipment .....	2,714.48
Fence Material .....	\$ 104.00
Pipe, Cement, Brick .....	1,630.56
Gravel and Sand .....	145.70
Bituminous Products .....	1,418.30
Blasting Material .....	11.81

————— \$ 17,116.95

Chapter 90 Roads:

Wages .....	\$ 4,007.09
Town Equipment .....	1,136.53
Hired Equipment .....	365.00
Sand .....	234.26
Stone .....	66.14
Bituminous Products .....	3,052.21
Fence Posts .....	104.00

————— \$ 8,965.23

# Hildreth Street:

Contract .....	\$ 1,042.69
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## Machinery Account:

Fuel .....	\$ 728.78
Repairs and Upkeep .....	1,270.82
Garage .....	267.00
Insurance .....	26.91
Small Tools .....	87.43
All Other .....	82.25
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	\$ 2,463.19

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\$ 32,185.70

## Welfare Department:

Salary and Wages .....	\$ 1,070.34
Telephone .....	61.01
Stationery and Postage .....	66.50
Other Expenses .....	209.32
Infirmery (See Welfare Report)	8,240.36
Outside Relief by Town .....	2,246.89
Relief by Other Cities & Towns	249.88
Aid to Dependent Children .....	6,609.29
Old Age Assistance .....	28,905.88
Infirmery Shed .....	600.00
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\$ 48,259.47

## Soldiers' Benefits:

Administration .....	\$ 287.60
Military Aid .....	480.00
World War No. 2 Aid .....	175.00
Soldiers' Burials .....	100.00

## Soldiers' Relief:

Cash .....	\$ 1,069.00
Fuel .....	86.45
Provisions .....	152.70
Rent .....	126.00
Medical .....	196.30
Hospital .....	148.50
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	\$ 1,778.95

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\$ 2,821.55

## Schools:

### Administration:

Superintendents .....	\$ 2,844.02
Clerk .....	108.00
Printing and Stationery .....	49.37
Telephone .....	196.27

Travel .....	29.75	
Census .....	85.00	
All Other .....	21.97	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,334.38
Teachers:		
Academy .....	\$ 13,430.79	
Elementary .....	29,053.43	
	<hr/>	\$ 42,484.22
Text Books and Supplies:		
Academy .....	\$ 1,154.71	
Elementary .....	2,011.83	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,166.54
Tuition .....	\$ 198.20	
Transportation .....	\$ 7,102.00	
Janitors .....	\$ 5,986.65	
Fuel and Light:		
Academy .....	\$ 2,123.43	
Elementary .....	2,537.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,661.05
Maintenance and Buildings:		
Academy .....	\$ 3,389.65	
Elementary .....	3,145.46	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,535.11
Furniture and Fixtures:		
Academy .....	\$ 100.00	
Elementary .....	929.54	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,029.54
Graduation .....		\$ 84.20
Medical:		
Salary .....	\$ 250.00	
Supplies .....	117.77	
	<hr/>	\$ 367.77
Athletics .....	\$ 90.00	
All Other .....	\$ 3.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 75,043.16
Vocational Tuition .....		\$ 361.36
Public Library:		
Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 1,370.00	
Books and Periodicals .....	872.56	
Binding .....	118.82	
Fuel and Light .....	522.82	
Building Maintenance .....	64.61	
Transportation of Books .....	30.00	

Telephone .....	22.81	
Other Expenses .....	24.71	
		\$ 3,026.33
Whitney Playground:		
Labor .....	\$ 317.00	
Supplies .....	59.02	
		\$ 376.02
Metcalf Monument, Labor .....		13.25
Town Common, Labor, etc. ....		320.95
Band Concerts .....		400.00
Publishing of Town Reports .....		601.36
Memorial Day .....		200.83
W. P. A. Lunch:		
Administration .....	\$ 1,056.88	
Labor .....	473.41	
Provisions .....	984.38	
Fuel .....	187.73	
Supplies .....	86.05	
Equipment .....	218.36	
Trucking .....	593.67	
		\$ 3,600.48
Public Safety:		
Rationing .....	\$ 585.53	
Tower .....	142.96	
Report Center .....	198.63	
Auxiliary Police .....	178.13	
Auxiliary Fireman .....	92.48	
First Aid .....	193.38	
Salvage .....	8.20	
		\$ 1,399.31
Cemeteries:		
Administration .....	\$ 76.98	
Labor .....	2,192.70	
Loam .....	24.32	
Equipment .....	119.28	
		\$ 2,413.28
Interest:		
Anticipation of Revenue .....	\$ 96.65	
General Loans .....	529.12	
Anticipation of Reimbursement .....	50.62	
		\$ 676.39

Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue .....	\$110,000.00	
General Loans .....	9,500.00	
Anticipation of Reimbursement .....	20,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$139,500.00

Outstanding Bills .....	980.81
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Agency and Trust:

Agency

State Taxes .....	\$ 11,514.14	
County Taxes .....	5,559.86	
T. B. Hospital .....	2,180.29	
Dog Licenses .....	621.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 19,875.89

Trust

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....	\$ 915.69	
	<hr/>	\$ 20,791.58

Refunds:

Taxes .....	\$ 29.55	
Excise Taxes .....	99.80	
Tax Titles .....	2.32	
	<hr/>	\$ 131.67

Total .....	\$378,633.24
Balance Dec. 31, 1942 .....	70,863.83
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	\$449,497.07

# TOWN OF WESTFORD BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash on Hand and in Banks .....		Tax Title Revenue .....	\$ 4,104.95
Accounts Receivable:		Overlays:	
1941 Poll Taxes .....	\$ 4.00	1941 .....	\$ 882.36
1941 Personal & Real Estate Tax	7,020.08	1942 .....	732.90
1942 Poll Taxes .....	114.00		
1942 Personal Taxes .....	633.78	Overlay Reserve .....	\$ 1,615.26
1942 Real Estate Taxes .....	17,826.10	Excise Tax Revenue .....	\$ 2,155.28
1941 Excise Tax .....	16.44	Department of Accounts Revenue ..	\$ 539.53
1942 Excise Tax .....	523.09	Loans in Anticipation of Reimburse-	\$ 2,642.23
		ment .....	\$ 15,000.00
Tax Title Account .....	\$ 26,137.49	Tailings Account .....	32.40
	\$ 4,104.95	Town Hall .....	180.00
Departmental:		Compensation Insurance .....	291.74
Fire Department .....	\$ 39.68	Fire Truck .....	3,682.02
Temporary Aid .....	1,220.05	Chapter 81 Roads .....	5,708.05
Infirmary .....	309.11	Power Grader .....	5,750.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	16.69	Highway Equipment .....	365.45
Old Age Assistance .....	193.70	Machinery Fund .....	3,853.47
Military Aid .....	235.00	Federal Aid to Dependent Children..	331.33
Burial of Deceased Soldiers ...	100.00	Federal Aid to Dependent Children	
World War No. 2 Allowance ...	175.00	Administration .....	63.84
Cemetery Department .....	353.00	Federal Old Age Assistance .....	81.92
		Federal Stamp Fund .....	750.00
State Aid to Highways .....	\$ 2,642.23	Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....	45.07
	\$ 5,054.72		

## Overdrafts:

Library, to be paid from funds

\$ 7.81

Whitney Playground Fund .....	24.92
Metcalf Monument Fund .....	210.91
W. P. A. Lunch .....	1,086.81
Public Safety Committee .....	102.69
Cemetery Lots, Sales .....	30.00
E. & D. ....	60,163.16

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\$108,811.03

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\$108,811.03

## DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt .....\$ 13,900.00

Graniteville School Loan .....\$ 2,000.00

Westford Academy Loan .....900.00

Frost School Loan .....11,000.00

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\$ 13,900.00

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\$ 13,900.00

## TRUST ACCOUNT

Trust Funds .....\$ 53,469.19

Library Funds .....\$ 11,706.08

E. F. Fletcher Lecture Fund .....2,000.00

Whitney Playground Fund .....10,000.00

Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....2,500.00

Metcalf Monument Fund .....2,000.00

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....2,385.00

Lyman Wilkins Cemetery Fund .....1,413.11

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\$ 53,469.19

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\$ 53,469.19

Income .....	\$ 7,472.81
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	\$ 7,472.81

Library Fund, Income .....	\$ 203.96
M. F. Fletcher Lecture Fund Income .....	911.86
Whitney Playground Fund Income .....	339.41
Whitney Shade Tree Fund Income .....	506.86
Metcalf Monument Fund Income .....	201.28
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Income .....	5,188.18
Lyman Wilkins Cemetery Fund Income .....	21.26
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	\$ 7,472.81

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD W. HILDRETH

Town Accountant

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1942.

The various companies responded to 43 alarms, other than forest fires; namely, 4 buildings, 17 chimney fires, 1 furnace, 2 oil burners, 3 brooder houses, 4 automobiles, 4 dump fires, 1 tractor, 1 box car, 1 gasoline tank, 1 out of town and 3 false alarms. 31 alarms for forest fires were answered making a total of 74 calls. In addition to fire alarms assistance was rendered in two drownings and rescuing a horse from a barn scuttle.

The following new equipment was purchased:

1. A new pumping engine complete with necessary equipment such as hose, nozzles, ladders, first aid equipment and necessary fittings.
2. A new portable lighting unit for various emergency uses.
3. A new body for the Chevrolet Chemical Truck, complete with pump and equipment. This unit should prove very valuable to the Town because it can carry approximately 500 gallons of water for use in the outlying districts where no water is available for immediate use.

Due to War conditions the quality of hose now manufactured is so inferior that we do not feel it advisable to purchase any for the duration unless an extreme emergency arises. However, at the end of the war we advise that the purchase of new, good quality, hose be resumed at regular intervals.

We are proud to report that men have entered the armed services in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND ROGERS,  
HAROLD WRIGHT,  
RICHARD HALL.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

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To the Board of Selectmen:

Dear Sirs:

I wish to report for the year 1942, that there were 31 Brush and Grass Fires, and five Dump Fires. Dump Fires cost the Town \$160.00.

I issued 183 Fire Permits.

The usual appropriation of \$1000, is asked for the year 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO R. LARKIN.

Forest Warden.

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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As usual my work has been removing dead trees from the roadside and removing broken limbs from others.

I would suggest that some maple trees be set out on Depot street.

The ice storm of December 28th, has left the trees in a bad condition with loss of broken limbs which should be taken care of. I suggest the sum of \$1200 be appropriated for taking care of them.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. NESMITH.

Tree Warden.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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Westford, Mass., January 14, 1943.

Balance on hand January 1, 1942 .....	\$ 87,420.27
Total Receipts to December 31, 1942 .....	\$362,076.80
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	\$449,497.07
Balance on hand December 31, 1942 .....	\$ 70,863.83
Total payments to December 31, 1942 .....	\$378,633.24
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	\$449,497.07

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE P. GREIG,  
Treasurer.

## REPORT OF FISH AND GAME WARDEN

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I hereby submit my annual report as Fish and Game Warden for the year 1942.

The following fish and game were allotted to the Town of Westford.

July 29, 1942—Long Sought For Pond ..... 1600 Trout  
July 29, 1942—Snake Meadow ..... 500 Trout  
July 30, 1942—Keyes Pond ..... 1200 Trout

Others liberated in brooks in town.

Pheasants (Adult) ..... 20

If information is wanted or any complaints are to be investigated, people interested may get in touch with me by letter or calling at my home.

I take pleasure in announcing no disturbing features and take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for the sincere cooperation you have accorded me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND L. PROVOST,  
Game Warden.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford, I submit the following report for 1942.

Number of Platform Scales over 5000 lbs. ....	3
Number of Platform Scales under 5000 lbs. ....	33
Number of Counter Scales under 100 lbs. ....	14
Number of Spring Scales under 100 lbs. ....	19
Number of Spring Scales over 100 lbs. ....	13
Number of Computing Scales under 100 lbs. ....	11
Number of Weights Sealed .....	128
Number of Liquid Measures sealed .....	4
Number of Gasoline Measuring Pumps sealed .....	2
Number of Gasoline Meters sealed .....	18
Number of Kerosene Measuring Pumps sealed .....	7
Number of Oil Measuring Pumps .....	2
Number of Quantity Measures on pumps .....	9
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Total sealed .....	263

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1942.

Value of Buildings, January 1, 1942 .....	\$2,507,560.00
Value of Land, January 1, 1942 .....	779,710.00
Value of Personal Estate, January 1, 1942 .....	406,515.00
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Total Valuation .....	\$3,693,785.00

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1942

Annual Town Meeting, February 16, 1942 .....	\$209,693.10
Special Town Meeting, July 7, 1941 .....	4,609.76
Spécial Town Meeting, December 22, 1941.....	700.00
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Total appropriated .....	\$215,002.86
State Taxes .....	11,514.14
County Taxes .....	7,783.77
1942 Overlay Fund .....	1,494.74
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Total amount to be raised .....	\$235,795.51
Total estimated receipts .....	88,119.78
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Total amount to be raised on polls and property .....	\$147,675.73
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Total Excise Tax Committments .....\$9,390.46

Tax Rate per Thousand.....\$39.40.

Number of Polls .....	1,070
Number of Horses .....	65
Number of Cows .....	349
Number of Neat Cattle .....	105
Number of Swine .....	342
Number of Sheep .....	37
Number of Fowl .....	27,952
Number of Acres of Land .....	18,000
Number of Dwelling Houses .....	1,210

# ABATEMENTS

	Poll	Property	Excise
1938 .....	\$ 2.00	_____	_____
1939 .....	2.00	_____	_____
1940 .....	16.00	\$382.49	\$ 12.00
1941 .....	90.00	86.73	102.45
1942 .....	344.00	417.84	301.29

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. HARRINGTON,

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,

JOHN J. O'CONNELL,

Assessors of Westford.

January 6, 1943.

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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I herewith submit my annual report as Tax Collector for the Town of Westford for the year ending December 31, 1942.

Any questions in regard to the assessments of taxes should be presented to the local Board of Assessors.

	Amount Dec. 31, 1941	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1942
1937 Warrant Recommitted Dated Feb. 21, 1941,		
Poll Tax .....	\$ 4.00	None
1938 Warrant Recommitted Dated Feb. 21, 1941,		
Poll Tax .....	4.00	None
1939 Warrant Recommitted Dated Feb. 21, 1941,		
Poll Tax .....	14.00	None
1939 Warrant Dated April 8, 1942, Poll Tax .....	2.00	None
1940 Warrant Recommitted Dated Feb. 21, 1941,		
Poll Tax .....	54.00	None
1940 Warrant Dated April 8, 1942, Poll Tax.....	2.00	None
1941 Warrant Dated April 1, 1941, Poll Tax.....	390.00	4.00
1941 Warrant Dated April 8, 1942, Poll Tax.....	2.00	None
1941 Warrant Dated Dec. 13, 1941, Poll Tax.....	10.00	None
1939 Warrant Recommitted Dated Feb. 21, 1941,		
Personal Property .....	140.00	None
1940 Warrant Recommitted Dated Feb. 21, 1941,		
Real Estate and Personal Property.....	6,388.70	None
1941 Warrant Dated June 20, 1941, Real Estate	19,371.43	6,701.43
1941 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1941, Real Estate....	25.09	None
1941 Warrant Dated Dec. 30, 1941, Real Estate....	69.48	None
1941 Warrant Dated June 20, 1941, Personal Property .....	924.73	318.65
1940 Warrant Recommitted Dated Feb. 21, 1941		
Excise .....	72.24	None
1941 Warrant Dated April 1, 1941, Excise.....	68.15	None
1941 Warrant Dated June 29, 1941, Excise.....	49.12	None
1941 Warrant Dated Dec. 13, 1941, Excise.....	1,042.63	16.44

	Amount of Outstanding Warrant Dec. 31, 1942	
1942 Warrant Dated June 29, 1942, Poll Tax \$	2,140.00	\$ 110.00
1942 Warrant Dated Dec. 21, 1942, Poll Tax....	4.00	4.00
1942 Warrant Dated June 28, 1942, Real Estate	129,518.92	17,750.25
1942 Warrant Dated Dec. 21, 1942, Real Estate	81.37	75.85
1942 Warrant Dated June 28, 1942, Personal Property .....	16,016.81	633.78
1942 Warrant Dated April 2, 1942, Excise.....	6,010.30	53.23
1942 Warrant Dated June 29, 1942, Excise.....	2,647.21	48.68
1942 Warrant Dated Nov. 3, 1942, Excise.....	530.14	239.92
1942 Warrant Dated Dec. 21, 1942, Excise.....	171.35	153.98
1942 Warrant Dated Dec. 21, 1942, Excise.....	31.28	27.28
Total Warrants .....	\$ 185,784.95	
Total Outstanding Dec. 31 1942 .....		\$ 26,137.49

DAVID I. OLSSON,

Tax Collector.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Westford, Mass., January 18, 1943.

The Westford Board of Health submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1942:

The Pre-School and School Clinics, consisting of Vaccination against Small-Pox and immunization against Diphtheria were held and were well attended. Many parents take advantage of this opportunity to immunize their children against these dread diseases.

The School Dental Clinic re-opened in March of this year, with Dr. Glenn D. Estabrook of Littleton, Mass., in charge. A routine oral examination of all school children was made and notices of defects were sent home to their parents. Parental consents have been obtained and all pupils, who for one reason or another, cannot consult their family dentist are gladly treated at the Dental Clinic. Dr. Estabrook spends five hours a day, one day a week, at the Clinic, which is held in the Abbot Hospital in Forge Village.

Dr. John Lapham, Vet. was hired for the year by the Board to supervise all dairy farms.

An Anti-Rabitic Clinic was conducted by Dr. Lapham, but the public response was not as great as the Board would desire. We hope that many more persons will avail themselves of the opportunity to protect their pets from Rabies in 1943. This would be a great Public Health measure as it would protect the public from the seriousness of a bite from a Rabitic animal.

A Tuberculosis Patch Test Program which was financed by the Westford Seal Sale Committee, with the fullest cooperation of the Westford School Department was conducted by the Board, in all the schools. This offer was open to the public, including Pre-School children and Adults, resulting in 540 persons being tested. Of this number, there are 58 persons, who show positive re-actions and will receive a free chest X-Ray.

In that out of town people have taken advantage of our healthful location and have established certain large permanent camping sites,

for the summer months, which are attended by many thousands of children, it has been necessary for the Board to keep a careful watch on these properties, in order that the general health conditions may be kept at a high level.

The milk situation was very carefully supervised by the Board and its agents.

Inspection of Liquor Establishments have been made and conditions, on the whole, were found to be good.

The Board has temporarily adopted the rules and regulations of the State Department of Public Health, relative to Diseases dangerous to the Public Health.

The Board is glad to announce that a sum of money has been returned to the Treasury from our appropriation. We felt, at this time, that it would be better not to procure a new Board of Health car, although the present one is two years old.

The Board of Health has functioned well during the year receiving the fullest cooperation of all its members. Regular monthly meetings were held and also several special meetings.

Dr. RALPH K. COLEMAN, Chairman.

Dr. DWIGHT W. COWLES, Secretary.

Dr. CYRIL A. BLANEY.

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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Dr. Ralph K. Coleman,  
Chairman, Board of Health,  
Westford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Following is the report of the Public Health Nurse from January 1,  
to December 31, 1942:

Absentees from school visited in their homes .....	79
Children taken home from school because of illness .....	20
Child Welfare Visits .....	18
Contagious Disease Cases Visited .....	34
Dental Clinic for School Children held weekly at Hospital Forge Village	
Dressing, First Aid, Massage, Hyperdermic Injections.....	80
Home Visits .....	81
Nursing Visits .....	78
Public Health Meetings attended .....	29
To Hospitals for Tonsil and Adenoid Operations .....	11
To Middlesex County Sanatorium for X-Rays .....	21
To Massachusetts General Hospital .....	2
To Lowell General Hospital for observation and treatment	4
To Lowell General Hospital Tumor Clinic .....	2
To St. John's Hospital Eye Clinic .....	6
To St. Joseph's Hospital for observation and treatment.....	1
To School Physician's Office for treatment .....	8
To Chiropodist, Public Welfare Case .....	2
To Massachusetts State Infirmary, Public Welfare Case ....	1
Board of Health Permits Issued	
Bacteriological Specimens sent to State Laboratory	
Lunch Projects Visited	

### Diphtheria Toxoid Clinics conducted by Board of Health

Number of inoculations, three injections each .....	59
Unfinished Cases .....	6
Vaccinations .....	24

## Contagious Diseases Reported to the Westford Board of Health

Chicken Pox .....	7
Dog Bite .....	11
German Measles .....	14
Lobar Pneumonia .....	5
Measles .....	4
Mumps .....	21
Scarlet Fever .....	14
Septic Sore Throat .....	1
Whooping Cough .....	43
Syphilis .....	1

### Deaths from Contagious Diseases.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	1
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Respectfully submitted,

VERONICA P. MEAGHER, R. N.,

Public Health Nurse.

## WESTFORD INFIRMARY APPRAISAL

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1	Two-Horse Cultivator .....	\$ 27.00
2	One Hay Tedder .....	25.00
3	One Horse Hay Rake .....	20.00
4	One Manure Spreader .....	85.00
5	One Sulky Plow .....	45.00
6	One Power Sprayer .....	60.00
7	One Lime Spreader .....	20.00
8	One Two-Horse Corn Planter .....	50.00
9	Twelve Cords Manure .....	96.00
10	Four Wagons and Two Sleds .....	75.00
11	One Tip Cart .....	25.00
12	One Tractor Harrow .....	40.00
13	One Spring Tooth Harrow .....	10.00
14	One Smoothing Harrow .....	3.00
15	One Fordson Tractor .....	600.00
16	One Tractor Pulley .....	30.00
17	One Tractor Plow .....	75.00
18	One Saw Frame and Two Saws .....	25.00
19	Two One Horse Cultivators .....	6.00
20	One Two-Horse Mowing Machine .....	40.00
21	Three Chicken Crates .....	2.00
22	One Two Horse Hoe .....	10.00
23	Two Walking Plows .....	15.00
24	One Two-Horse Disc Harrow .....	35.00
25	One Seed Sower and Weeder .....	35.00
26	One Drag Plank and Head .....	8.00
27	One Gas Tank and Gasolene .....	25.00
28	Lumber .....	75.00
29	Blacksmith Forge and Tools .....	20.00
30	One Root Cutter .....	5.00
31	Seventeen Swine .....	375.00
32	One Feed Cooker .....	5.00
33	One Galvanized Tank .....	5.00
34	Wood .....	350.00
35	170 Poultry .....	285.00
36	Three Ladders and Four Stepladders .....	15.00
37	One Land Roller .....	10.00
38	Milk Room Equipment .....	130.00
39	Twelve Cows .....	1,600.00
40	One Bull .....	100.00
41	Three Heifers and One Calf .....	125.00
42	Two Horses .....	300.00
43	35 Tons Ensilage .....	315.00

44	25 Tons Hay .....	575.00
45	One Motor Truck .....	300.00
46	Farm Tools .....	100.00
47	Chains, Eveners, and Whiffletrees .....	35.00
48	Harness and Blankets .....	70.00
49	One Potato Digger .....	65.00
50	One Ensilage Cutter .....	125.00
51	One Corn Harvester .....	100.00
52	One One-Horse Corn Planter .....	15.00
53	One One-Horse Hay Fork .....	25.00
54	Grain .....	56.00
55	Fifty Grain Bags .....	5.00
56	Block and Tackle .....	7.50
57	One Planet Junior Seeder .....	10.00
58	One Gas Stove .....	3.00
59	Grindstone and Mowing Machine Grinder .....	15.00
60	30 Gallons Motor Oil .....	21.00
61	Two Cross-Cut Saws .....	7.50
62	Carpenter's Tools .....	35.00
63	Garden Hose and Lawn Mower .....	7.50
64	Fire Hose and Nozzle .....	56.00
65	Work Shop Materials .....	10.00
66	Brooder Equipment .....	15.00
67	One Electric Drill .....	30.00
68	12 Tons Soft Coal .....	120.00
69	Milk Separator .....	65.00
70	Platform Scales .....	15.00
71	75 Gallons of Fuel Oil .....	7.50
72	Three Bags Fertilizer .....	6.00

#### Household Equipment

Superintendent's Furniture .....	350.00
Kitchen and Pantry .....	675.00
Inmates Furniture .....	375.00
Contents of Attic .....	60.00
Canned Goods and Empty Jars .....	260.00
Provisions .....	100.00
Potatoes .....	125.00
Blankets, Sheets, and Towels .....	115.00
Dry Goods .....	35.00
Stock and Farm Equipment .....	7,204.00
Household Equipment .....	2,095.00

CHARLES A. BLODGETT,  
ALBERT R. WALL,  
JOHN R. GREENE.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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The Board organized for the year 1942 with Reginald Blowey, Chairman, William L. Wall, Secretary, and Samuel A. Richards, newly-elected member.

The case load for Old Age Assistance increased throughout the year and grants to individuals were all adjusted to meet the rising cost of living. As there was no unemployment problem this year, the number on welfare was low.

At the Infirmary a new shed for housing farm machinery was built. The house and new shed were then painted. Four additional inmates were accepted from Chelmsford, making the total number of inmates fifteen during the year.

Respectfully,

REGINALD BLOWEY

WILLIAM L. WALL

SAMUEL A. RICHARDS

Board Public Welfare

# INFIRMARY CREDITS

Milk .....	\$ 3,201.46	
Eggs .....	503.40	
Potatoes .....	159.68	
Corn .....	25.05	
Turnips .....	6.00	
Asparagus .....	57.35	
Wood .....	26.50	
Beef .....	75.00	
Hay .....	30.00	
Calves .....	48.00	
Hogs .....	849.30	
Poultry .....	81.72	
Cattle .....	157.50	
Bags .....	31.10	
Trucking, W. P. A. ....	49.50	
Teaming .....	116.25	
Boar and Bull Service .....	22.50	
Gasoline Refund .....	4.50	
Soil Conservation .....	7.56	
Use of Farm Implements .....	29.00	
Outside Labor .....	4.00	
Dividend—Eastern States Farmers .....	2.18	
Board of Inmates .....	787.33	
	—————\$	6,274.88
Use of Truck—W. P. A. ....	\$ 120.00	
Wood .....	40.00	
Board and Care of Inmates .....	3,029.00	
32 Meals to Men in Lockup .....	16.00	
Clothing, Tobacco, Medical .....	392.28	
	—————\$	3,597.28
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	\$	9,872.16

# INFIRMARY DEBITS

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Superintendent's Salary .....	\$ 1,191.66	
Employee's Wages .....	694.00	
Provisions .....	1,455.60	
Clothing and Dry Goods .....	200.91	
Medical .....	100.75	
Oil .....	67.57	
Coal .....	173.95	
Gas and Electricity .....	152.06	
Telephone .....	59.30	
Newspapers .....	6.72	
Soap .....	11.55	
Tobacco .....	90.62	
Ice .....	79.86	
Furniture .....	63.00	
Grain and Feed .....	2,454.36	
Garbage .....	99.19	
Seed .....	41.81	
Fertilizer .....	78.73	
Pasturing .....	31.00	
Curing and Dressing Hogs .....	9.22	
Truck Insurance .....	44.50	
Truck Stamp .....	5.00	
Veterinary .....	36.75	
Blacksmith .....	26.00	
Gasoline .....	175.02	
Pullets .....	40.00	
Printing .....	15.00	
Sawdust and Lumber .....	23.70	
Newspaper Advertisements .....	3.16	
Use of Farm Tools .....	5.00	
Supplies .....	156.45	
Repairs .....	97.38	
Carpenter .....	61.94	
Painting New Shed and Home .....	398.15	
Westford Water Co. ....	83.82	
Miscellaneous .....	6.64	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,240.36

## EXTENSION SERVICE IN THE TOWN OF WESTFORD IN THE YEAR 1942

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The following is a report of the work of the Middlesex County Extension Service in the town of Westford in the year 1942.

Dairy farmers were advised on feeding dairy cattle, on improvement of pastures thru plowing, liming, fertilizing, and seeding with the addition of ladino clover. Some farmers were advised on fertilizing and liming and proper seed bed preparation for growing alfalfa. A meeting to discuss milk marketing problems was held in December with Professor E. W. Bell, State College, as the discussion leader. John Howard, Henry B. Wilder, and Edson J. Blaisdell cooperated in the alfalfa top dressing project. Cold Spring Farm is a member of the Middlesex County Herd Health Association.

A fruit meeting was held at Ben Drew's Farm to discuss the latest insect and disease control. A spray notice giving the insect and disease control recommendation was sent to all fruit growers. This aided the growers in producing one of the largest and cleanest crops on record. Many visits were made to aid growers in special insect, disease and cultural practices.

Poultrymen have been assisted in production and disease problems, and in record keeping through farm visits and circular material. Harry M. Ingalls has been president of the Middlesex County Poultry Association, in which many Westford poultrymen have been active.

Sixty-six people attended three meetings on food preservation where the latest methods on canning were demonstrated.

One hundred and three boys and girls were enrolled in 4-H Club Work and helped in the war effort in production and conservation by carrying on activities in canning, clothing, handicraft, conservation, dairy, poultry, and gardening. These clubs were under the supervision of the following leaders: Mrs. Clifford F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Nixon, Peter Perry, Chester V. Sweatt, K. Merton Bozoian, Daniel C. Staples, Carlton Chamberlain, and Henry B. Stone. An achievement program and exhibit brought the winter season to a close. Garden and Canning members exhibited in store windows.

Six girls in Mrs. Willard Moore's club canned 681 jars of fruits and vegetables. Four attended Camp Middlesex at Ashby. Esther Moore was among the prize winners in the State Canning exhibit held at Massachusetts Horticultural Hall in Boston. Jack Downing and Lawrence Nixon won recognition in the Middlesex North Garden Contest, while David Burnham's garden record won him recognition in a County Contest. Edwin Nixon was awarded baby chicks on his fine record in the 4-H Egg Laying Contest.

Lawrence Nixon and Carlton Chamberlain acted as counselors at Camp Middlesex.

In the Cameron School Mr. Perry's Manual Training Club is buying War Stamps 100 percent; the Girls Club is buying 90 percent; and, in the Frost School, which includes Mr. Bozoian's Conservation Club, Mrs. Clifford Johnson's Sewing Club and Warren Nixon's Poultry Club, they are buying 92 percent. This points towards victory.

MRS. WARREN M. NIXON.

## REPORT OF THE WESTFORD COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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During the past year we have cooperated with the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety and worked along the lines they have suggested.

Several practice blackouts were held and it was very gratifying to see how smoothly and successfully these were carried out as to detail and with no confusion whatever.

The several division heads and their members, the Wardens, the Firemen and Auxiliary Firemen, Police and Auxiliary Policemen are to be commended for their good work, and we found the Townspeople most cooperative in these trial blackouts.

The blackout signals cannot be heard in all parts of the Town and to improve this situation we are arranging to install at Parkerville, at a small expense, a whistle offered by the Fire Engineers and also one at Nabnasset Lake.

The Report Center at the Town Hall, under the supervision of Chief Air Raid Warden, Allister F. MacDougall, is being operated as last year by volunteer service of the Townspeople and the American Legion is maintaining the Observation Post in the Tower of the Town Hall.

Mr. Roger K. Poole, Chairman of the Salvage Committee moved from town just before the start of the collection of Scrap Metal and Mr. Morris A. Hall was appointed in his place. The Townspeople responded splendidly to a well organized collection campaign and about eighty or eighty-five tons of metal were collected.

Under the direction of the Red Cross, groups are meeting in different parts of the town to work on surgical dressings, so much needed, while other groups are sewing and knitting.

Much credit is due Mrs. Dorothy M. Sargent, Chairman of the Women's Division and her able assistants for instructing numerous classes in First Aid and Advanced Classes, not only in Westford, but also for assisting with the work in neighboring towns.

The Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps under the direction of Lieut. Jessie Abbott have conducted classes which include Nutrition, Canteen Service, Chemical Warfare, Air Raid Precaution, Military Drill, etc.

We have endeavored to organize and make such preparations as would be necessary for the safety and protection of persons and property during any emergency.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,  
Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE WHITNEY PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

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Full credit is given by this committee to Mr. John G. S. Peterson, whose care of the lawns and shrubbery around the playground has been painstaking and efficient. The frequent rains last spring and summer kept the lawns and surrounding shrubbery green and beautiful. It also made necessary more frequent cutting of the lawns. Young and old alike, in our community, may well be proud of this beautiful recreation park.

This committee is also expected to supervise the care of shade trees on Depot street, for which the Whitney Shade Tree Fund was set up.

It is the sole duty of the Tree Warden and his assistants to perform the necessary work for the protection of the Trees.

Last September this committee called the Tree Warden's attention to necessity for action by him to remove dead branches from many trees and try and check further decay.

Since that time wind and ice storms have broken down many branches, but much remains to be done.

We hope that next spring the Tree Warden will be able to take care of this situation. We shall be glad to cooperate with him in every way we can.

JOHN FISHER,

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

MORRIS A. HALL,

Whitney Playground Committee.

## WESTFORD WATER COMPANY

### CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1942 .....	\$174,856.59
Additions during the year 1942 .....	7,950.63
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	\$182,807.22

### STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 1942 TO DECEMBER 31, 1942

#### RECEIPTS

Hydrants .....	\$ 2,905.00
Public Buildings, Playgrounds, etc.....	394.42
Subscribers .....	14,827.47
Interest .....	154.60
Service .....	210.82
Miscellaneous .....	46.76
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	\$ 18,539.07

#### EXPENSES

Wages and Salaries.....	\$ 3,447.57
Expense Account and Supplies.....	1,768.53
Service .....	388.02
Electric Light and Power.....	1,519.44
Taxes .....	3,463.85
Depreciation .....	3,154.28
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	\$ 13,741.69

Net Gain for the year ending December 31, 1942..	\$ 4,797.38
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WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,  
Treasurer.  
Westford, Massachusetts,

January 16, 1943.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Middlesex ss.

Then personally appeared William R. Taylor, and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Company to January 1, 1943 and the Receipts and Expenditures from January 1, 1942 to December 31, 1942, before me.

FREDERIC A. SNOW,  
Notary Public.

## WESTFORD RATIONING BOARD 332

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January 18, 1943

To the Citizens of Westford:

Early in January 1942 the selectmen were asked by Governor Salt-onstall to appoint three citizens to act as a rationing board for the town of Westford, the original reason being that practically all supplies of rubber were cut off by the capture by the Japanese of the rubber producing islands of the Pacific.

Late in 1941 all tire and tube supplies held by dealers and individuals were frozen by order of the Federal Government. After the rationing started and during the greater part of 1942 tires and tubes were allowed only to various selected classes such as doctors, nurses, clergymen, farmers, and defense workers.

Early in May the rationing of gasoline was added and for this a registration of all car owners was held at the schools under the supervision of the Superintendent of Schools, then Roger K. Poole, and the teachers of the town.

Next in line was the registration of all citizens of the town for the War Rationing Book, commonly called the Sugar Rationing Book. This, also, was held entirely under the Superintendent of Schools and teachers of the town.

A third registration of all users of fuel oil was held in October under the supervision of Superintendent of Schools, Chester V. Sweatt, and the teachers, aided by some of the citizens.

As the year progressed typewriters, bicycles, certain types of rubber boots, coffee, and heating stoves were added to the rationed list. The superintendent of schools, teachers, and citizens who helped in the registration were very cooperative.

The original rationing board consisted of Edward T. Hanley, William G. Chace and Victor G. Doucette. Due to the additional work, particularly by the adding of the rationing of fuel oil and other commodities, William E. Wright, John Fisher, Oliver A. Reeves and

James L. Knowlton were added to the board. They have lightened the labor of the other members by giving very generously of their time.

Mr. Chace has resigned from the board as of January 15th, 1943 to accept a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserves as Lieutenant Junior Grade. His efficient services were much appreciated by the members of the board.

At the original formation of the board it was found necessary to have a place to meet and a clerk to follow up the many details as outlined by the Office of Price Administrator and Director of State Rationing Boards. Mrs. Hilda I. Bosworth was appointed Clerk of the Board and the work was carried on at her office. As the work increased it became necessary to appoint an additional clerk and the board secured the services of Miss Blanche J. Wilk. The Federal Government has been paying for most of this work, with the Town making up a small deficit.

Mrs. Bosworth and Miss Wilk have given unsparingly of their time in preparing hundreds of forms and giving out certain information made necessary by the demands of the citizens.

EDWARD T. HANLEY

VICTOR G. DOUCETTE

JOHN FISHER

WILLIAM E. WRIGHT

OLIVER A. REEVES

JAMES L. KNOWLTON

## CEMETERY LOT CARE FOR 1942

Wm. Thompson, 1941 .....	\$ 2.00	Lester Prescott 39, 40, 41, 42 .....	8.00
Eva Courchaine .....	2.00	Wm. Buckingham .....	2.00
Mrs. Frank Miller .....	2.00	Mabel Mann .....	2.00
Edward Downing .....	2.00	Walter Smith .....	4.00
C. A. & F. R. Blodgett.....	4.00	W. S. and Winfield S. Guild,	
Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding.....	2.00	Jr. ....	2.00
Lizzie Scrutton .....	2.00	Peter Reid .....	2.00
Arthur Wilson .....	2.00	Joseph Walker .....	2.00
Edmund Pendlebury .....	2.00	Alvan Fisher, 2nd .....	2.00
Susan Osgood .....	2.00	Nelson O'Clair .....	2.00
Adelia Martin .....	2.00	Sebastian Watson .....	2.00
Theresa Lowther .....	2.00	Mrs. Sebastian Watson .....	2.00
Sophia Hanson .....	2.00	Winfred Whitton .....	2.00
Elizabeth McAdoo .....	2.00	Saul Gordon .....	2.00
Carl Hanson .....	2.00	Jessie Weaver .....	2.00
Gertrude Athorn .....	2.00	George Weaver .....	2.00
Mary Bunce .....	2.00	Hattie Prescott .....	2.00
Amy Irish .....	4.00	Annie Hamlin .....	2.00
Gladys Burne .....	2.00	C. Frank Dupee, 41 and 42..	4.00
Carroll Rollins .....	2.00	Mrs. Asa Robinson .....	2.00
Charles Blodgett .....	2.00	Jessie Sherman .....	4.00
Elliott Humiston .....	2.00	John F. Spalding .....	4.00
Wm. Hosmer .....	2.00	Clara Kierstead .....	4.00
W. R. Taylor, 41 and 42....	4.00	Herman E. Lawton .....	2.00
Julian A. Cameron .....	4.00	Eric Anderson .....	2.00
Chester Blodgett .....	2.00	Mrs. Norman Phillips .....	2.00
Wm. Blodgett .....	2.00	Flora Edwards .....	2.00
Dr. Charles Worcester.....	2.00	Viola Hitchcock .....	2.00
Walter Steele .....	2.00	Jeanette Feeney .....	2.00
Valentine Friedrich .....	2.00	Ellen McLeod .....	4.00
Marden Seavey .....	2.00	Augustine Carkin .....	2.00
Wm. Brown .....	2.00	Elizabeth Catchpole .....	2.00
Sarah Whitney .....	2.00	Edward Leavitte .....	2.00
Arleen S. Paul .....	2.00	Philip Bergstrom, 39, 40, 41,	
Mrs. Charles Brooks .....	2.00	42 .....	8.00
Eleanora Colburn .....	2.00	Amos Polley .....	2.00
Domenica Zanchi .....	2.00	Annie Kimball .....	2.00
Fred Naylor .....	2.00	Luanna DeCatur .....	4.00
Frank Johnson .....	2.00	Don Judd .....	2.00
Mary Mack .....	2.00	Charles L. Hildreth .....	2.00
James Kimball, 41 and 42....	4.00	Sarah Gardell .....	2.00
Ethel Shannon .....	2.00	Finnemore Morton .....	2.00
E. A. Scott, 42 & 43, ½ Lot	2.00	Lottie E. White .....	2.00

Lewis B. Palmer, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 .....	10.00	Edmund Rogers .....	2.00
Harry Whitney, 40, 41, 42....	6.00	Daniel Carr .....	2.00
John Howard .....	2.00	David Scott, 39, 40, 41, 42....	8.00
Mrs. L. Boden .....	2.00	George Binns .....	2.00
H. N. Jaques .....	2.00	Ida Allen .....	2.00
Clarence O. Pirrington.....	2.00	Frederick G. Sargent's Heirs .....	2.00
Sigard Peterson .....	2.00	Mary E. Reed .....	4.00
Charles Flanagan .....	2.00	Robert Orr .....	2.00
George Goucher .....	2.00	John Mattson, Jr. ....	2.00
Frances Regnier .....	2.00	Mrs. Charles Bicknell .....	2.00
Mrs. Claude Day .....	2.00	Harold Bucket, 41 and 42....	4.00
Alice Socorelis .....	2.00	Henry White, 41 and 42 .....	4.00
Walter Longbottom .....	2.00	Israel Bolyea .....	2.00
Dr. C. A. Blaney .....	2.00	Thomas Curley .....	2.00
Leon Hildreth .....	2.00	Mrs. Fred McCoy .....	2.00
Forest Andrews, 37, 38, 39, 42 .....	8.00	E. J. Hunt .....	4.00
Howard Ferguson .....	2.00	Althea Dudley .....	2.00
Edward Fisher .....	2.00	Harry Whitney .....	2.00
Arthur Hildreth .....	2.00	Carroll Sawyer, 1941 .....	2.00
Frank Bales, 41 and 42.....	4.00	Roy Blanchard .....	4.00
John Martin, 40 and 41 .....	4.00	John Edwards .....	2.00
J. E. York .....	4.00	Wm. Lackey .....	2.00
Mrs. Stephen Haley .....	2.00	M. L. Boyden .....	2.00
Wm. F. Wing .....	2.00	C. C. Caviness .....	2.00
Florence Wright .....	2.00	Raymond Prescott .....	2.00
Mrs. E. B. Currier .....	2.00	Everett E. Miller .....	2.00
Mrs. James W. Stuart .....	2.00	Wm. Wyman .....	2.00
Ella Perkins .....	2.00	Thomasina Hughes, 1941 ....	2.00
James Stuart, 41 and 42.....	4.00	Fred Schill, 41 and 42 .....	4.00
Jennie Ferguson .....	4.00	John Chandler .....	2.00
Mrs. Louis Schworer .....	2.00	John Fisher .....	2.00
John Duguid, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 .....	10.00	A. D. Taylor .....	2.00
Annie Draper .....	2.00	Frances Fisher .....	2.00
Mary A. Girard .....	2.00	Wm. Johnson, 41 and 42 .....	4.00
Gregory Wolkowicz .....	2.00	Richard Picking .....	2.00
John Mattson, Sr. ....	2.00	Sarah Atwood .....	2.00
Ruth Jones .....	1.00	Gustaf Swanson, 42 and 43 .....	4.00
Lillian Marinel .....	1.00	Hazel Blades .....	2.00
		Harold Hildreth .....	2.00

SEBASTIAN B. WATSON,  
FRED R. BLODGETT,  
AXEL G. LUNDBERG,  
Cemetery Commissioners.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has held the customary meetings and given all the articles in the warrant careful consideration and recommended the appropriation of the various sums as tabulated below:

Article Appropriation	Voted and Transfrd. 1942	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1943	Recom- mended
3- 1 General Government				
Selectmen .....	\$ 600.00	\$ 541.27	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
License Expenses .....	75.00	52.06	75.00	75.00
Town Treasurer .....	1,050.00	1,037.37	1,250.00	1,250.00
Town Accountant .....	975.00	957.95	975.00	975.00
Assessors .....	1,200.00	1,147.07	1,200.00	1,200.00
Tax Collector .....	1,850.00	1,694.04	1,650.00	1,650.00
Town Counsel .....	297.65	297.65	200.00	200.00
Tax Title Expenses.....	300.00	102.48	300.00	300.00
Town Clerk .....	400.00	319.91	500.00	500.00
Election & Registration.....	1,300.00	1,274.99	700.00	700.00
3- 2 Town Hall				
General Expenses .....	2,500.00	2,362.68	2,500.00	2,500.00
3- 3 Police Department				
General Expenses .....	5,975.00	5,953.91	5,925.00	5,925.00
Police Car .....	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
Road Marking .....	286.00	285.71	350.00	350.00

# Article Appropriation

		Voted and Transfrd. 1942	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1943	Recom- mended
3- 4	Fire Department				
	General Expenses .....	4,000.00	3,976.64	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Fire Hose .....	500.00	475.00	—	—
	Permanent Man .....	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	New Fire Truck.....	8,500.00	8,500.00	—	—
3- 5	Hydrants .....	3,255.00	3,255.00	3,350.00	3,350.00
3- 6	Sealer of Weights & Measures.....	125.00	106.95	125.00	125.00
3- 7	Fish & Game Warden.....	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
3- 8	Forest Fires .....	1,000.00	784.32	1,000.00	1,000.00
3- 9	Town Forest .....	100.00	—	100.00	100.00
3-10	Fire Warden .....	250.00	230.84	1,000.00	250.00
3-11	Moth Department .....	916.16	916.16	1,838.17	900.00
3-12	Health Department .....	3,500.00	2,961.06	3,500.00	3,500.00
3-13	Cattle Inspector .....	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
3-14	Highway Department				
	Snow & Ice Removal.....	3,000.00	2,268.84	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Town Roads .....	1,500.00	328.80	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Chapter 81 Roads.....	10,375.00		10,375.00	10,375.00
	Chapter 90 Roads.....	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00
	Power Grader .....	5,750.00	—	—	—
	Highway Equipment .....	4,000.00	2,463.19	3,634.55	3,634.55

# Article Appropriation

## 3-15 Welfare Department

Temporary Aid & Infirmary.....  
 Aid to Dependent Children.....  
 Old Age Assistance.....  
 Infirmary Shed .....

Voted and Transfrd. 1942	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1943	Recom- mended
12,300.00	12,131.30	12,300.00	11,550.00
3,500.00	3,311.15	3,500.00	3,500.00
16,500.00	14,588.79	15,500.00	15,500.00
600.00	600.00		

## 3-16 Soldiers' Benefits .....

4,500.00	2,821.55	3,000.00	3,000.00
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## 3-17 School Department .....

75,000.00	74,997.69	79,800.00	79,800.00
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## 3-18 Vocational Tuition .....

500.00	361.36	500.00	500.00
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## 3-19 Library .....

2,400.00	2,400.00	2,509.29	2,509.29
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## 3-20 Care of Common.....

250.00	220.95	250.00	250.00
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## 3-21 Commemoration of Memorial Day.....

250.00	200.83	250.00	250.00
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## 3-22 Publishing of Town Reports.....

625.00	601.36	750.00	750.00
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## 3-23 Compensation Insurance .....

1,632.03	1,060.64	1,100.00	1,100.00
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## 3-24 Fire Insurance .....

1,350.00	1,304.14	3,850.00	3,850.00
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## 3-25 General Loans .....

9,500.00	8,500.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
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## 3-26 Interest on General Loans.....

529.12	529.12	243.50	243.50
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## 3-27 Interest on Revenue Loans.....

200.00	147.27	250.00	250.00
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## 3-28 Cemeteries .....

2,500.00	2,413.28	2,000.00	2,000.00
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Article	Appropriation	Voted and Transfrd. 1942	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1943	Recom- mended
3-29	Street Lights .....	6,945.00	6,930.00	6,930.00	6,930.00
3-30	Finance Committee Reserve Fund.....	4,229.05	2,100.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
3-31	Outstanding Bills .....	—	—	—	250.00
6	Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital.....	—	2,180.29	—	—
7	Whitney Playground .....	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
8	W. P. A. Expenses.....	4,200.00	3,608.48	—	—
9	Band Concerts .....	400.00	400.00	400.00	—
10	Care of Trees on Common.....	—	—	500.00	500.00
12	Public Safety Committee.....	1,500.00	1,399.31	600.00	600.00
13	Rationing Board .....	—	—	1,200.00	1,200.00
21	Middlesex County Extension.....	—	—	10.00	10.00
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State & County Taxes.....					\$196,207.63
					\$ 12,000.00
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TOTAL TO BE RAISED.....					\$208,207.63
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS .....					\$ 84,000.00
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To be Raised by Taxation.....					\$124,207.63

1942 Valuation—\$3,693,785.00.

- ART. 4. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 5. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 6. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 7. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 8. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article.
- ART. 9. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article.
- ART. 10. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 11. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article.
- ART. 12. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 13. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 14. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 15. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 16. The Finance Committee makes no recommendation on this article.
- ART. 17. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 18. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article.
- ART. 19. The Finance Committee recommends the Highway Department turn over to the Cemetery Commission a truck to be used by them during that portion of the year when they require a truck for cemetery use.

- ART. 20. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article.  
ART. 21. The Finance Committee recommends this article.  
ART. 22. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article.  
ART. 23. The Finance Committee recommends this article.  
ART. 24. The Finance Committee recommends this article.  
ART. 25. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

If the above recommendations of the Finance Committee are adhered to the tax rate will approximate \$34.00 per thousand dollars of valuation. For every appropriation increase of \$1000.00 the tax rate will increase approximately 28c.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. WRIGHT, Chairman  
P. HENRY HARRINGTON,  
W. OTIS DAY,  
E. KENT ALLEN,  
HERFORD N. ELLIOTT,

Finance Committee.

# TOWN OF WESTFORD WARRANT

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss

To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County,

### GREETINGS:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at their several polling places, viz:

- Precinct 1. Town Hall, Westford Center.
- Precinct 2. Abbot Hall, Graniteville.
- Precinct 3. Nabnasset School, Brookside.
- Precinct 4. Abbot Hall, Forge Village.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1943

being the second Monday in said month, at 12:00 o'clock noon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes for the following officers:

#### For Three Years

- Two Members of the School Committee
- One Member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners
- One Trustee of the Public Library
- One Member of the Board of Health

#### For One Year

- One Moderator
  - One Constable
  - One Tree Warden
  - One Selectman
  - One Member of the Board of Public Welfare
  - One Assessor
- All on one ballot.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 8:00 P. M.,  
and  
to meet in the Town Hall at Westford Center on the following

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1943

at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following Articles, viz:

ART. 1. To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 2. To determine the salary and compensation of elected officers and officials as provided by law.

ART. 3. To appropriate money to meet the costs and expenses of the following departments, officers and purposes:

1. General Government.
2. Town Hall.
3. Police Department.
4. Fire Department.
5. Hydrants.
6. Sealer of Weights and Measures.
7. Fish and Game Warden.
8. Forest Fires.
9. Town Forest.
10. Tree Warden.
11. Moth Department.
12. Health Department.
13. Cattle Inspector.
14. Highway Purposes.
15. Department of Public Welfare.
16. Soldiers' Benefits.
17. School Department.
18. Vocational Tuition.
19. Public Library.
20. Care of Common.
21. Commemoration of Memorial Day.
22. Publishing of Town Reports.
23. Compensation Insurance.
24. Fire Insurance.
25. General Loans.
26. Interest on General Loans.

27. Interest on Revenue Loans.
28. Cemeteries.
29. Street Lights.
30. Finance Committee Reserve Fund.
31. Unpaid bills of previous years.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agent in any suit or suits which may arise during the current year, with authority to settle and adjust claims or demands for or against the Town, and to employ counsel whenever in their judgment it is advisable so to do; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the purpose of paying the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the Town's share of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital as assessed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars, or some other sum, for the care of the Whitney Playground; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the purpose of carrying on Federal and State projects, the cost of administration, and the cost of materials and supplies for the same; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred (\$400) Dollars, or some other sum, for Band Concerts during the current year; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of repairing the damages to the trees on the Common caused by ice storms and windstorms; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of placing War Damage Insurance on some or all of the buildings owned by the Town; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred (\$600) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of Air Raid Warning activities, and for the purposes set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Westford Committee on Public Safety, or act in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purposes of defraying the salaries and expenses of the Ration Board, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Westford Ration Board; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Highway Equipment Account; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount appropriated under Article 3 of the warrant for the Special Town meeting of May 5, 1941, to the account entitled "Welfare Department Account," as provided in Chapter 65 of the General Laws; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell for junk or for whatever other sum the said Selectmen may obtain therefor, the cannon and cannon balls on the Common; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to sell for junk or for whatever other sum the said Cemetery Commissioners may obtain therefor, the horse-drawn hearse owned by the Town; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate certain sum of money for the purpose of purchasing for the of the Cemetery Department a certain Ford truck which has rented and used by the Cemetery Commissioners during the year, the said purchase to be made under the direction Cemetery Commissioners; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a new or used truck for the use of the Cemetery Department, the said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Cemetery Commissioners; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 20. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 19, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to transfer by good and sufficient Bill of Sale title to the Ford truck purchased under Article 18, and apply the sum received therefor against the purchase price of the truck purchased under Article 19; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten (\$10) Dollars and elect a Dirtctor, under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws as amended; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept Oak and Chestnut Streets, as laid out by the Selectmen, as shown by their report and plan duly filed on the Office of Town Clerk; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue any or all of the following roads:

Desmond Road

Granite Street

Flushing Pond Road

Cowdrey Hill Road

Vose Road from Old Lowell Road to Griffin Road; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the devise, under the eighth clause of the will of Oscar R. Spalding, late of said Westford, deceased testate, a certain parcel of land therein referred to containing about one hundred and seven acres and commonly known as the Snow Swamp Lot.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use as free cash a sum of money not exceeding fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars, such amount to be approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth, and said sum to be applied to determining the tax rate for the current year 1943; or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at each Post Office in said Westford, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the first meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-sixth day of January in the year of our Lord 1943.

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY

ARTHUR L. HEALY

CYRIL A. BLANEY

Selectmen of Westford

A true copy. Attest:

Constable of Westford.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

*Town of Westford*



For the Year Ending December 31,

# 1942

## ORGANIZATION—SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Clifford J. Courchaine .....Term expires 1945  
Thomas Curley .....Term expires 1945  
Edward C. Buckingham .....Term expires 1944  
James P. Mulligan, Chairman .....Term expires 1944  
Mrs. Dorothy E. Chandler, Secretary .....Term expires 1943  
Albert G. Forty .....Term expires 1943

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Chester V. Sweatt, Westford, Mass.

Tel. Residence 616

Tel. Office 561

### SCHOOL TELEPHONES

Tel. Cameron School 542                      Tel. Nabnassett School 233  
Tel. Wm. E. Frost School 230              Tel. Sargent School 553  
Tel. Westford Academy 561

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Westford, Mass.

Tel. 521

### SCHOOL NURSE

G. Veronica Meagher, R. N., Westford, Mass.

Tel. Office 391 Town Hall

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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January, 1943.

Citizens of Westford,  
Westford, Massachusetts.

I hereby submit my annual report as Chairman of the School Committee for the year 1942:

Mr. Roger K. Poole, our Superintendent of Schools for the past three years, resigned in mid-August. We elected Mr. Chester V. Sweatt, former principal of Sargent School, for a one-year term.

Mr. Thomas Curley and Mr. Clifford Courchaine were elected to fill the vacancies left by Mr. George Gibbons and Mr. Eric Anderson, whose terms expired. At the first meeting of the new board, Mr. James Mulligan was chosen chairman and Mrs. Dorothy Chandler, secretary.

Major repairs were made at Sargent School and Westford Academy. They were badly needed in both schools.

The interior of Sargent School was redecorated, and new curtains and fluorescent lights installed. War Time, with the dark winter mornings, is showing constantly how badly these lights were needed. It is regretted that they could not be installed in other schools where they are needed equally as much. Sargent School is now a building of which we can all be proud.

Much badly needed work was done on the Academy. The exterior was resingled and badly weathered finish work replaced. We advertised for painting bids in the fall, but as no replies were received, it was decided to delay the work until 1943. During the Christmas vacation, new stair treads and hall floors were laid. The hall walls and ceilings were refinished to the second landing. Both the latter repair jobs have added greatly to the appearance, safety, and utility of the Academy. The old treads were so thin that they were noisy and dangerous. The new work has eliminated 70 per cent of the noise in the building.

In order to induce teachers to remain in Westford, a general salary increase of 10 per cent was voted to meet the rising cost of living. Thus far we have been fortunate in not losing many of the staff.

We are respectfully asking for the sum of \$79,800 with which to operate the public schools during 1943, and \$500 for vocational tuition. The increase over last year's amount, is due to the salary raises and needed repairs on the Academy building which we feel are imperative.

This year we received \$6,140.80 from the state as our share of income taxes and \$1,852.37 for tuition and transportation on state wards, also \$183.60 from Tyngsboro, tuition and transportation for two pupils. This money like all others received by the town goes to the Town Treasurer and is used in the reduction of taxes. It is not available for use directly in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. MULLIGAN,

Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Westford School Committee:

I herewith submit my first annual report as superintendent of the Westford Schools.

1942, our first year in the War, has brought a re-evaluation of education in the minds of American people. We have always had a great faith in education, but today as perhaps never before we realize that there are different brands of education. Until recent years we felt what the world needed was more and still more education. We felt all the evils of the world—wars, poverty, crime, selfishness, and the like—could be solved if people could have more schooling. Now we know that education can be just as much a cause of those evils as a preventative. Witness the German nation—eighty million people so highly trained in the theory that war and brute force are virtues that they are willing to risk everything they have in seeking the false goal of race superiority.

Americans still believe in education, but some are not quite so sure as formerly. We are questioning the process, and we rightly should, but we shouldn't lose faith. Our error was in accepting education as a sacred fetish rather than a means to an end, for education can serve an evil master as well as a good one. Education is still the answer to many problems, but only if it is a quality of education that contributes to a purpose—in America, democratic living.

This being true, it is the job of us teachers, together with the assistance of all parents and townsfolk, to help our boys and girls secure a worthy conception of the American way of life. Knowledge in itself isn't enough, for knowledge can be used for evil purposes as well as good. Skills, habits, attitudes, and appreciations are the vital elements. Our job as teachers is to do all we can to help our boys and girls to develop into worthy men and women according to the democratic standard.

This we teachers in Westford are trying to do. We are striving to acquaint ourselves more fully with the ideals and principles of democratic living. Our teachers' meetings are devoted to this purpose. Many teachers are reading and thinking more about these ideals and principles than ever before. We are trying to help our pupils to learn to govern their own actions with a minimum of teacher help. (This does not mean that children are allowed to run wild without control,

for if a child cannot govern his own actions, the teacher must exert that control.) We are trying to make our schools happy, homelike places where children like to be. Our ideal is to create an environment where the knowledges, skills, habits, attitudes, and appreciations necessary for worthy living can be developed.

The above is the long-range view, but the war is demanding certain adjustments. We are very much aware of these war needs and are cooperating in all ways we can. Everyone is acquainted with rationing and the part played by Westford teachers. Last February, a U. S. O. party was organized by the teachers for a group from Fort Devens and was a great success. Much of the success of this party was due to the excellent cooperation of other Westford organizations, whose contributions made the party possible. Our teachers are trying to help pupils to get a sane perspective of the war, the issues involved, and the problems ahead.

In the Academy, every effort is being made to use all the resources of the school and community to help pupils prepare themselves for the war services ahead. Academy pupils have assisted on scrap drives and have been of tremendous assistance in maintaining the aircraft observation post. Elementary school children have furnished the enthusiasm, drive, and persistency in making a success of scrap collections and increasing war stamp sales.

Much progress has been made in our faculty in developing a cooperative spirit. Teachers share their skills and knowledge, and as the process is inter-active, all are benefitted. They recognize that co-operation involves taking and sharing responsibility by all concerned—superintendent, teachers, parents, and pupils. They recognize that deceit and unfairness soon undermine the happiness of teachers and pupils. Classroom activities cannot be carried on in a happy atmosphere when teachers feel superintendents, supervisors, and principals are trying to "get something on them." On the other hand, it is also recognized that only as each teacher accepts her responsibilities and shares in administrative duties at all times can each school or the entire system function smoothly.

There is a definite trend on the part of our teachers to make their rooms more like workshops, which is what they should be, for going to school is the particular work of the young, imposed on them by society. In keeping with the workshop idea was the installation of several bookcases in various schools. More cases are under construction by the men teachers and the more capable boys in manual training.

School buildings, grounds, and materials contribute in developing knowledges, habits, skills, attitudes, and appreciations, but only as they contribute are they worthwhile. For example, it is difficult and rather hopeless to get children, or adults, to respect property when that property is in a bad state of disrepair. On the other hand, property kept in good condition incites pride and our attitudes change accordingly for there are few people who do not like their surroundings to be clean and attractive. Physical things aren't goals; they are the tools used. One can generally dig a better ditch with a good shovel than with a poor one, but unless one's attitudes, appreciations, habits, knowledges, and skills are of high quality, his work is most likely to be inferior. All repairs, decorating, and improvements on our buildings should be done to contribute to building worthy ideals, habits, attitudes, and appreciations. The only other possible justification for keeping our school plant in good condition is the one we all know—it is cheaper in the long run.

Benjamin Franklin is supposed to have said that the only things human beings are sure of are death and taxes. As every property owner knows, repairs likewise are as sure for buildings. It would seem that inasmuch as a certain amount of maintenance is necessary each year, we should investigate thoroughly the extent of the yearly replacement. This would allow long-range planning and annual repair work. We could plan painting so that once in five years either the interior or exterior of a building would be done. It would take a few years to get the schedule in full operation and, necessarily, rather heavy expenditures until then. The following schedule is suggestive:

Academy:	Exterior 1943, 1950, 1955. Interior 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1948, 1953.
There is so much to be done in the Academy that the immediate work is here scheduled over the next three years.	
Cameron:	Exterior 1946, 1951, 1956. Interior 1944, 1949, 1954.
Sargent:	Exterior 1945, 1950, 1955. Interior 1947, 1952, 1957.
Frost:	Exterior 1944, 1949, 1954. Interior 1946, 1951, 1956.
Nabnasset:	Exterior 1947, 1952, 1957. Interior 1945, 1950, 1955.

By using a schedule, it would be possible to plan our repairs to fit our means. If a five-year schedule is too expensive, then we should plan on a six, seven, or eight-year basis, but we should plan.

The routine work such as repairing loose windows, replacing worn floors, loose plaster, antiquated equipment, etc., amounts to about \$2000 yearly. Once our buildings are put in shape, \$2000 to \$3000 would seem, as things are today, to be a very reasonable amount for maintenance. On the basis of the 1935 valuation of \$118,300 for all our school buildings, which is extremely low, this figures an annual repair bill of 1.7% to 2.5%.

In 1942, the interior of Sargent School was completely redecorated. Mr. Spinner, the janitor, did an excellent job of painting and white-washing in the basement rooms. The interior of this building is in excellent condition. Fluorescent lighting has been installed, and the results are most satisfactory. Light meter tests averaged three candle power per room on the pupils' desks with the old fixtures. The fluorescent lights now give 10 to 15 candle power which is considered reasonably satisfactory. We now have two schools equipped with more adequate lighting, and as soon as the war permits, the remaining schools should be so equipped.

A beginning was made on major repair work in the Academy. The treads were replaced on all stairs and hall floors relaid. Battle-ship linoleum was laid in the hallway in an effort to cut down on the noise of passing classes with results beyond expectation. The replacement of stair treads was an urgent necessity as many treads were worn to the danger point. The walls and ceilings to the second landings were painted and refinished.

The Academy was resingled and rotting finish work replaced. When it was felt last fall that funds were available for the painting of the Academy, we advertised for bids. No bids were received, and because of the lateness in the season, the work was postponed until 1943.

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There was an unusually large turnover in our personnel during the past year. Miss Ethel Caldwell resigned to accept a position at Willimantic, Conn. Mr. George Charron left us to do guidance work in the Nashua, N. H., schools. Mr. Julius Mueller resigned during the summer to become principal of Dalton High School. Mr. Frederick Delaney left us to teach science at Rockport High School. Miss Mary Healy resigned early in the spring to be married. Mrs. Letitia O'Clair retired in June. Miss Mary Reynolds resigned in September to accept other work. Miss Anna McPartlin accepted a position in the Winchester Schools. To all of you we wish success in your new work.

To Mrs. O'Clair, Westford extends its appreciation for your long and loyal service. Many boys and girls have gone through your classroom and are better men and women today for having had you as a teacher.

We were especially fortunate in securing replacements. In the Academy, Mr. Anthony Brackett, former submaster at Cape Elizabeth, Me., High School was elected principal; Mr. Samuel Frolio, formerly science teacher at Dover, N. H., was chosen to fill the science vacancy; Mrs. Helen Rochefort, an experienced teacher, was employed to teach languages.

Mrs. Ruth Wright was elected principal of Sargent School. Mrs. Wright was formerly a teacher at Sargent School and substituted at Frost School last spring.

Miss Esther Burns, who substituted at Sargent School last year, was chosen for the first grade teacher at Frost School; Miss Edwards, the former first grade teacher, was transferred to departmental work in the same building.

At Cameron, Miss Janet Kenney was elected to the fourth grade position. Miss Helen Johnston was chosen for the third grade there. Both Miss Johnston and Miss Kenney are recent graduates of Lowell Teachers College.

Miss Phyllis Boynton, who taught at Wytovitlock, Maine, last year was appointed for the first three grades at Nabnasset. Miss Helen Brownrig, recent graduate of Salem Teachers College, was appointed teacher of the special class.

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On behalf of the school children of Westford, I extend thanks to the Abbot Worsted Company and the C. G. Sargent's Sons Corporation for the generous Christmas gifts.

The teaching staff values highly the excellent cooperation given it during the past year by the School Board and townsfolk and wish you to know that it is united in the ambition to make Westford Schools the finest possible. May I personally thank the School Board, principals, teachers, townsfolk, and pupils for their cooperation, hard work, and devotion to this ideal.

# **REGISTRATION—WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS** **October 1, 1942**

SCHOOL GRADES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P.G.	Total
U														
Academy .....														
Wm. E. Frost .....	20	8	12	16	22	21	15	27	55	43	37	20	2	157
Sargent .....	25	28	13	16	24	26	18	12						141
Cameron .....	26	22	27	25	29	15	18	31						162
Nabnasset .....	7	4	8											193
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32
Totals .....	78	62	60	57	75	62	51	70	55	43	37	20	2	685

U—Ungraded      P. G.—Post Graduate

## **Registration of Minors**

**October 1, 1942**

MINORS BY AGE GROUPS	5-7	7-16	Totals
Girls .....	60	287	347
Boys .....	52	286	338
	112	573	685

# CORPS OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER 31, 1942

School	Teachers	Training at	Date of Appointment
CAMERON SCHOOL	Peter F. Perry, B. S., Ed. M. (Prin.)	Hyannis Normal, Boston University	Sept. 1924
	Marion E. Carroll, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Nov. 1936
	Barbara Gray, A. B.	Emmanuel College	Sept. 1941
	Helen A. Johnston, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1942
	Janet L. Kenney, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1942
	M. Eleanor Murphy, B. S. E.	Bridgewater State Teachers College	Sept. 1940
	Louise E. Thompson, B. S., Ed. M.	Lowell Normal, Boston University	Sept. 1922
	Ruth A. Walker	Lowell Normal School	Sept. 1922
WM. E. FROST	K. Merton Bozoian, B. S. E. (Prin.)	Bridgewater State Teachers College	Jan. 1942
	Esther T. Burns, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1942
	Shirley M. Coughlin, B. S. E. ..	Lowell State Teachers College	Dec. 1940
	Rita H. Edwards, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1939
	Kathleen R. Hammersley, B. A.	D'Youville College	Oct. 1938
	Ruth P. Tuttle	Lowell Normal School	Sept. 1903
NABNASSETT	Phyllis Ethel Boynton, B. S. E.	Hyannis State Teachers College	Oct. 1942
	Helen R. Brownrigg, B. S. E.	Salem State Teachers College	Sept. 1942

SARGENT SCHOOL	Ruth L. Wright (Prin.)	Plymouth, N. H. Normal	Sept. 1931
	Jean E. Bell	Fitchburg Normal	Apr. 1930
	Lottie D. Blodgett	Farmington Normal	Sept. 1916
	Alice M. Cullen	Lowell Normal School	Nov. 1940
	Ann Harrington	Lowell Normal School	Sept. 1926
	Mary Meehan, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1938
	Helen Trainor, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1941
	Lillian G. Wright	Lowell Normal School	Sept. 1914
ACADEMY	Anthony G. L. Brackett, B. S., Ed. M. (Prin.)	Middlebury College, Harvard University	Sept. 1942
	Mildred J. Caram, B. S. E.	Salem State Teachers College	Sept. 1941
	Ernest R. Dalton, B. S., A. M., M. P. A.	Bowdoin College, Harvard University	Sept. 1941
	Samuel F. Frolio, B. S., Ed. M.	Tufts College, Boston University	Sept. 1942
	Marian K. Kelly, A. B., A. M.	Hunter College, Columbia	Sept. 1940
	Mary L. Robinson, Ph. B.	Goucher, University of Chicago	Sept. 1927
	Helen R. Rochefort, A. B.	Tufts College	Sept. 1942
	Ethel T. Tewksbury	Chandler Normal School	Jan. 1935
MUSIC SUPERVISOR	Lilley Mae Moran		Nov. 1935
SCHOOL NURSE	C. Veronica Meagher, R. N. (Mrs.)	St. John's Hospital	Sept. 1927
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS	Chester V. Sweatt, B. S., Ed. M.	Univ. of Maine, Western Res. Univ.	Sept. 1931 Aug. 1942

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES

June 1942

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### CAMERON SCHOOL

Irene Jeannette Bedard	Eleanora Mary Mulligan
Theresa Olive Byron	Constance Joan Reeves
Kay Marie Corey	Marie Anne Ricard
Francis Lawrence Delaney	Mary Lillian Rogers
Marion Frances Fitzpatrick	Michael Sawosik
Robert Frederick Fitzpatrick	Vera Sawosik
Lawrence Robert Kane	Irene Szylvian
William Joseph Kavanagh	Margaret Mary Thompson
Francis Michael McKniff	Margaret Ann Lahme
Helena Ann McKniff	Arthur Theodore Greenslade
Edward Walsh	

### WILLIAM E. FROST SCHOOL

Shirley Elizabeth Burne	Doris Theresa Kulisich
Carol Carlow	Myrna Louise Morse
Alfred Arthur Carlson	Robert Bliss Perkins
William George Chace, Jr.	Mary Elizabeth Rancour
Donald Eugene Coombs	Marden Homer Seavey, Jr.
James Henry Ditmar	Margaret Frances Sullivan
Edward Vinton Earle	Ruth Lillian Walker
Claire Ferguson	John Joseph Waugh
Marjorie Ruth Hughes	Harold Edmund Whitney

### SARGENT SCHOOL

Fred Nickolas Sudak	Veronica Patricia Sullivan
Marjorie Evelyn Beebe	Doris Cecile Milot
Lucille Marie Gervais	Philip Gilbert Hall
Doris Alma Perron	Robert John Connolly
Jacqueline Theresa Grenier	Eleanor Stella Lewkowich
Charlotte Theresa Rioux	Raphael Alfred Oliver
John Henry Jaroma	Carol Ann Hanson
Lucille Alice Grenier	Emile Paul Valcourt
Georgette Yvonne Milot	Steven John Belinsky
Charles Worden	

# REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF WESTFORD ACADEMY

for the Year Ending December 31, 1942

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January 1, 1943

Mr. Chester G. Sweatt,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Westford, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Sweatt:

It is a pleasure to submit the annual report of Westford Academy.

Westford Academy opened its doors September 21, 1942 challenged by the world conflict. In company with all other secondary schools throughout the land, Westford Academy was under the necessity of doing its part to help win the War. This part means particularly to meet the wartime needs of the boys and girls in the community. Westford Academy has tried to meet the needs of its community adequately. Westford Academy has endeavored to adjust itself to the changing conditions of the times and constantly to be ready to answer new demands.

One of the first of these new demands was the changes made necessary by the late school opening. Instead of schools starting September 9, the traditional Wednesday after Labor Day, schools began nearly two weeks later in order to allow students to assist in harvesting. Even after school was officially under way, several students continued with their labors, and all during the fall boys were excused for periods of from a half day to two or three days in order to lend assistance to farmers faced by an acute labor shortage.

Adjustments were made by the faculty in the program of studies in order to allow for these irregularities.

When school opened in September, many boys and several girls were regularly employed in full time jobs. In some instances these boys and girls continued with their work, shifting only the hours at which they reported to their place of employment in order to be in school. As the year has progressed, the number of pupils working at regular jobs after school hours has increased. Adjustment has had to be made by the faculty in order to allow for this situation.

At the time of the opening of school, boys 18 to 20 years of age were not subject to draft, although they realized that whether the proposed changes in the draft legislation were made or not, they would be faced with induction in a few years. With the prospect of being called to active military duty shortly, boys felt the need of school work which would fit them to become better fighting men. Changes have been made in the curriculum of the Academy to provide this training. The wisdom of the alterations in the program of studies has been demonstrated by the present draft legislation calling all boys over 18 to the colors.

Although not subject to active military service, girls realized last September that they might soon be called upon to play an important role in war industry. The girls, therefore, demanded new features in the school curriculum and modifications of established practices. Such additions and modifications have been made.

Perhaps one of the most apparent changes has been the modification of the graduation requirements. According to present regulations, any senior who leaves school at midyears in order to enlist in the armed services or to be inducted into them will receive his diploma at the regular graduation ceremonies of the Academy. He must, however, be passing all of his required subjects at the time of his leaving school, he must be a good school citizen, and he must have the recommendation of the Principal of the Academy as a student worthy of the honor of receiving a diploma. Under somewhat the same regulations pupils may leave school at midyears in order to attend an institution of higher learning and receive their diplomas in June from Westford Academy.

Another change very decidedly brought about by the War has been the institution of a course in pre-flight aeronautics. Upon the successful completion of the course a pupil may take the official C. A. A. examinations. This course is taught in a very practical manner, with a minimum of theory, and a stress upon actual problems of aeronautics. It has one of the largest enrollments of any course in the Academy.

A course introduced this September, largely because of the War, is Spanish. During the year 1942-1943 a beginning course in Spanish will be taught. Next year it is hoped to add an advanced course. This study is the most popular of our language courses.

A further addition brought about by the War is the effort to give each senior as much practical work experience as possible. Senior

girls are being allowed to do an increasing amount of clerical work in the office of the Principal and the Superintendent, and as assistants in the work of the rationing board. Boys are encouraged to work at part time jobs in the community.

Another change brought about by the War, but not started since September, is the manning of the observation post in the tower of the Town Hall. The post is operated by Academy students from eight until four during the school week. The Academy is officially enrolled in the High School Victory Corps.

Although such features as a modification of graduation requirements and the institution of new courses may be the outstanding innovations of the past year, an even greater change has been witnessed—a change in attitude. Pupils came to school with a seriousness of purpose on September 21, 1942, which has not been equalled in recent years. For the most part this seriousness of purpose has been maintained. The content of many courses has been made stiffer and the work of the harder studies has been done without complaint. Such courses as aeronautics, chemistry, and mathematics have had larger numbers than usual enrolled. In several instances where pupils could not take mathematics because of a maximum recitation load of required subjects, they have entered advanced mathematics courses as non-credit pupils. Auditors are not usually found in secondary schools.

The return of friends and relatives from the armed services on furlough has demonstrated clearly to the boys the necessity of sound scholarship. This has resulted in boys taking more difficult courses and in studying harder. Particularly has this been true in mathematics.

Another change which the War has brought about in the Academy has been the great curtailment of inter-school athletics. Few games have been played with other schools and no organized schedule has been maintained. On the other hand there has been an increase in intra-mural activity.

There has been, perhaps, a greater interest in social activities of the school to take the place of the outside interests which the pupils formerly found. This has been a decidedly healthful occurrence from the point of view of school morale. Pupils have learned to be self-reliant in the matter of their entertainments.

A new spirit has also been shown on the part of the faculty. The teachers have had little patience with triflers this year. During the

years of depression, when it was probably wise to keep boys and girls in school and out of mischief, work was made easy and pupils were constantly prodded in order to force them to learn. This year it is felt that only those desiring to learn are worthy of special attention. Extra conference periods have been arranged in which pupils may receive teacher help.

The faculty has also tried to encourage self discipline and restraint on the part of the pupils. It is realized that in many cases only a short interval of weeks may pass before a boy or girl who has been constantly supervised by parents and teachers will be suddenly removed from his home community and forced to make all decisions for himself. If this new life comes upon him without any preparation he is likely to make many mistakes. It has, therefore, been the purpose of the faculty of the Academy to encourage independent thinking and activity, with only a minimum of teacher control.

The teachers have also kept constantly in mind the demands upon education to do everything possible to aid in the war effort. There has been a continuous evaluation of each course on the part of the teachers to be certain that in every way possible the course is being used to help win the War. New material is constantly being introduced and obsolete material, or material not as vital to the war effort, is being thrown out. The faculty has determined to do its bit.

Although the first purpose of Westford Academy this year has been to do its part in the effort to win the War, it cannot be said that everything of interest in the Academy has been directly connected with the world conflict. The planned changes in the curriculum, for example, have been completed according to schedule. In all four years of the Academy there is now a "Core Curriculum" and a large number of elective subjects. We do not have a number of compartments in our curriculum, as, for example, a Commercial Course, a College Preparatory Course, and a General Course, but rather a basic educational program for all pupils. Students are individually counseled as to which subjects will best help them to achieve the goals which they have set for themselves.

The "Core Curriculum" was completed this year with the institution of a course in Problems of Democracy. All pupils are now required to take English each year and to take Civics the freshman year, World History the sophomore year, United States History the junior year, and Problems of Democracy the senior year.

Additions to the elective studies in the curriculum include Aeronautics, Home Chemistry, Spanish, and Home Nursing. Each of these subjects have good enrollments and are proving to be highly worthwhile.

The handwriting program has been slightly altered this year with the introduction of "hospital classes" for those who do not come up to a set standard in the legibility of their handwriting. The handwriting of every pupil in school is checked each month, and those who do not meet the standard are given special training.

The motion picture projector, the generous gift of the Trustees of Westford Academy, is in frequent use, both as a method of instruction in the classroom and as a means of educational entertainment.

The club activity program once a week continues to be a popular part of school life. An opportunity is provided for each student to join the club of his choice where some activity in which he is interested is pursued.

Changes in the faculty this year consisted of the election of Mr. Anthony G. L. Brackett as principal, Mr. Samuel F. Frolio as instructor in science, and Mrs. Helen R. Rochefort as teacher of foreign languages.

Miss May E. Day is most generous of her time in coming to the Academy one day every three weeks with a supply of books from which pupils may make selections for outside reading.

I should like to be able to make some forecast as to what the needs of the Academy may be in the future, but because of the war conditions it would seem unwise to do more than offer a few observations. It may very well be that the next year will bring about great changes in our curriculum. We believe that everything in our present curriculum is good, not that it is incapable of improvement, but that it is basically sound. In these times of national peril, however, we must be ever ready to sacrifice whatever is necessary for the good of the country. This may mean that some of the courses which do not directly contribute to the war effort will have to be abandoned for the duration.

It may be that the length of the school year will have to be radically altered. If the present plan of the government and of the colleges to ask for high school seniors after three years and a half of

secondary school continues, as we have every reason to believe it will continue, then we must try to crowd into the three and a half years all of the good that we previously did in four years. We will have to evaluate carefully and throw aside some of the things we have previously felt to be essential.

There is one demand of the present which seems to be particularly certain to continue, and that is that our boys must be tougher physically. That means that we should institute a program of health education and that we should start regular physical training classes. Such classes should be compulsory for all boys unless excused by the school doctor because of physical incapacity.

It would seem that I have covered the essential features of the activity of Westford Academy during the past year. Below are certain statistics which should be of interest to the citizens of Westford.

Enrollment—December 23, 1942

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
1943	10	10	20
1944	20	17	37
1945	17	26	43
1946	19	32	51
P. G.		2	2
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Totals .....	66	87	153

Distribution of Alumni, Class of 1942

Working .....	16
Armed Services .....	8
Business College .....	7
Post Graduate .....	2
Training for Nurse .....	1
Nurse's Aid .....	1

Junior Members of the Tadmuck Club

Ruth E. McDonald

Margaret C. Scott

# WESTFORD ACADEMY

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## LIST OF GRADUATES, CLASS OF 1942

### College Course

\*Treasure Henry Bechard  
Leon Paul Courtemanche  
\*Austin Dana Fletcher  
Barbara Ella Gay  
Dorothy Priscilla Gordon  
Joyce Roselyn Hanson  
Catherine Gertrude Heman  
\*Rena Frances Shea  
LeRoy Holden Whitcomb, Jr.

### Commercial Course

Mary Kiver  
Sophie Kovalchek  
Helen Mary Lewkowich  
Jennie Ann Lewkowich  
Jacqueline Marjorie Milot  
Blanche Johanna Wilk  
Ruth Violet Zanchi

\*Pro Merito

### General Course

Sophia Belida  
Maurice Gerald Bellemore  
Carlton Lee Chamberlain  
Carl Alexander Chaplin, Jr.  
Bryce Hunter Crocker  
Annie Daranchuc  
Clifford Sargent Johnson  
Margaret Mary Kelly  
Mary Page Lord  
Raymond Malloy  
Steven Minko  
Mabel Elaine Morse  
Robert Joseph Orr  
Evelyn Earnestine Peart  
Phyllis Marjorie Rancour  
Grace Etta Robinson  
Nina Sechovich  
Robert James Smith  
Georgette Catherine Socha  
Norman Charles Stirk  
Inez Joyce Whitney

## Winners of Prizes (Given By Trustees)

### Awarded at Graduation Exercises

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in English during the Senior year:

Five Dollars—Austin Fletcher, '42

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in Senior Stenography:

Two and one-half Dollars—Blanche Johanna Wilk, '42

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in Senior Typewriting:

Two and one-half Dollars—Inez Joyce Whitney, '42

Washington and Franklin Certificate for Excellence in U. S. History (Given by Massachusetts Society of Sons of the American Revolution):

Rena Frances Shea, '42

Awarded at Class Day Exercises

Member of the Junior Class who, in the estimation of classmates and members of the Faculty, has done the most for the Class and for Westford Academy:

Ten Dollars—John Edgar LeCourt, '43

Member of the Sophomore Class who, in the estimation of classmates and members of the Faculty, has done the most for the Class and for Westford Academy.

Ten Dollars—Thomas William Gower, '44

Member of the Freshman Class with the Highest General Average for the Year:

Five Dollars—Pauline Edna Ferguson, '45

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the splendid cooperation on the part of the teachers, the Superintendent, and the School Board in the making of this past year a successful one. As a newcomer to this town, I should like to add that I have been most favorably impressed by the excellent support of the parents in matters of student control.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY G. L. BRACKETT,

Principal of Westford Academy.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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Members of the School Committee:

The following is my report as school physician for the year ending December 31, 1942:

The usual physical examination was made on all the children attending the public schools of Westford. A separate physical examination is made to recheck all of the cases in which major physical defects are found, and the children may receive treatment if any is indicated.

I cooperated with the Westford Seals Sales Committee and the Board of Health in administering tuberculosis tests to all the school children desiring it.

I have responded to calls at the schools for emergency cases when called by the school principals.

Cooperation by the Board of Health nurse, teachers, and parents of the children has been splendid.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. D. W. COWLES.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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January 14, 1943.

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Westford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Following is the report of the School Nurse from January 1, to  
December 31, 1942:

School Visited .....	263
Dressings and First Aid .....	29
Children examined for minor ailments .....	34
Children recommended for exclusion because of Pediculosis and other skin infections .....	11
Children recommended for exclusion because of Conta- gious Disease Contact .....	16
Assisted at Clinic for Mentally Retarded Children. Num- ber of children seen .....	30

Vaccinations checked.

Weighed and measured all school children.

Audiometer, loaned by State Department of Public Health,  
used to check hearing of school children.

Assisted School Dentist in Oral examination of all school  
children.

Assisted School Physician with Physical Examination of  
School Children in Spring and Fall of 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

VERONICA P. MEAGHER, R. N.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

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Mr. Chester V. Sweatt,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Westford, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The following is my report as Supervisor of Music in Westford Schools:

Even though the children have had to adjust themselves to many new personalities in the schools this year, the loyal cooperation on the part of the pupils and teachers has been most gratifying. I am pleased with the progress made in carrying on my line of work.

Our course in Appreciation of Music has taken on many more activities, and the schools are being visited more often by parents to see these units function.

Glee Clubs are organized in all of the schools under the direction of the homeroom teacher, and rehearsals are held after school hours. Some very fine singing of Christmas songs was done by the group from the Sargent School at the Parent Teachers' Meeting in Westford and at the M. E. Church Fair in Graniteville in December. I also heard some splendid rehearsals at the Cameron and Frost Schools.

On February 2, the Academy Glee Club entertained the P.T.A. in the High School Auditorium and gave a concert there on May 8 for the purpose of getting caps and gowns for the Commencement exercises in June. However, I am sorry to relate that the proceeds amounted to less than two dollars, after all their untiring efforts and splendid performance.

On May 30, the children from all of the schools assembled at Westford Common for the Memorial Day Exercises. A group from grades six and seven of the Sargent School sang "Brave Comrades Sleep" at the Civil War Monument, and the combined schools sang "Pledge to the Flag" and "Star Spangled Banner" most creditably at the World War Monument.

At present, rehearsals for the performance of the "Nutcracker Suite" are in progress at the Frost School, the concert to be given in the spring.

In conclusion, I wish to acknowledge the cooperation of the Superintendent and express my sincere gratitude to the teachers for their helpful support in making this year happy and successful.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLEY M. MORAN,

Music Supervisor.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF HANDWRITING

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December 22, 1942.

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt, Supt.,  
Westford Public Schools,  
Westford, Mass.

My dear Mr. Sweatt:

I am pleased to submit the following report on the operation of the Handwriting program in your schools.

Our records show that 20% of your pupils made a score of "A" or "Excellent" on the initial test administered in September, 1940. In the tests administered at the close of the school term last year, 71% of the pupils received a grade of "A." This indicates excellent achievement on the part of your teachers and pupils for which I should like to extend my congratulations.

Last year was the first year in which the Handwriting program was extended to the high school. It is interesting and gratifying to note that 62.9% of the high school pupils received a grade of "A" at the close of the year in Handwriting.

Our supervisors made ten visits to the classrooms during the school term. Master copies of the assignment were placed on the blackboard monthly for instructional purposes; approximately 17,250 samples of informal handwriting were graded in addition to 5,750 formal test papers. A report was sent to each teacher monthly giving a careful diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil.

The necessary instructional materials were furnished from my office; these included instructional folders for the pupils, monthly outlines for the teachers, room motivation certificates, individual handwriting certificates for high school seniors and eighth grade pupils, monthly and term specimen envelopes, term testing paper, etc.

In general, I think that the program has operated effectively and I have been pleased with the excellent cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. RINEHART,

# WESTFORD SCHOOL CALENDAR

1942 — 1943

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FALL TERM ..... 64 Days

Schools Open—Sept. 21

Schools Close—Dec. 23

WINTER TERM ..... 54 Days

Schools Open—Jan. 4

Schools Close—Mar. 19

SPRING TERM ..... 57 Days

Schools Open—Mar. 29

Schools Close—June 18

## DAYS OMITTED

Columbus Day—October 12.

Teachers' Convention—October 30.

Armistice Day—November 11.

Thanksgiving—November 26 and 27.

Washington's Birthday—February 22.

Patriot's Day—April 19.

Good Friday—April 23.

Memorial Day—May 31.

## GRADUATIONS

Elementary—June 18.

High School—June 21.

The graduation dates are tentative and depend on whether the state requires us to make up the time lost in September when the opening of school was delayed so that pupils could assist in the harvesting of crops.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

OF THE

*Town of Westford*



For the Year Ending December 31,

# 1942



## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY**

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January 1, 1943.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit their annual report for 1942, including the report of the Librarian and the list of books added in 1942.

The Trustees feel that further repairs in the building are needed therefore they ask for the following appropriation, viz:

1. The sum of twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00) to meet the current expenses of the main library and its branches.
2. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1942.
3. The receipts from the sale of discarded materials in 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. ROUDENBUSH, Chairman

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR

ALICE M. HOWARD, Secretary.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY FOR 1942

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### Salaries and Wages:

Librarian .....	\$	775.00	
Janitor .....		350.00	
Assistants .....		245.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,370.00

### Books and Periodicals:

Books .....	\$	777.51	
Periodicals .....		100.05	
Binding .....		118.82	
		<hr/>	\$ 996.38

Fuel and Light: .....	\$	522.82
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### Buildings:

Water .....	\$	9.96	
Janitor's supplies .....		12.39	
Repairs .....		36.43	
		<hr/>	\$ 58.78

### Other expenses:

Telephone .....	\$	22.81	
Transportation of books .....		30.00	
Stationery and postage .....		13.23	
Miscellaneous .....		12.31	
		<hr/>	\$ 78.35

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\$ 3,026.33

### Income

Town Appropriation .....	\$	2,400.00	
Receipts from dog licenses .....		618.52	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,018.52
Interest from funds .....		7.81	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,026.33
Receipts from fines and sale of waste material	\$	159.34	

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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January 1, 1943.

To the Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library:

The librarian herewith submits her twenty-fifth annual report in the eighty-fourth year of the Westford Library and the forty-sixth in the present building.

The grade school children who go by bus still come to the library during their noon hour for books of recreation and reference work which makes a very busy half hour. Books for English book reports are taken to the Academy once in three weeks but the pupils do not have the chance to come to the library after school as formerly so do not read as much.

During Book Week in November the librarian was invited to Miss Tuttle's room to give a talk on books and the library and to give out certificates earned by the children for reading a certain number of books from the state reading list. Others have been added since so that the complete record to date is two honor certificates (20 books) to Frederick A. Burne and Edwin Cox, with seven five-book certificates to six other children. Fifteen children in Granitville earned one or more certificates last spring.

A general renovation of the library took place last winter. As the shelves in the stack room were very much crowded, many of the oldest and least used books were removed to the attic and arranged so they may be consulted when needed. Out of date magazines and worn out books were sold for salvage; Massachusetts state reports and Smithsonian reports on top of the stacks were removed to the basement where a book room has been arranged. The collection of books from the Social Library (1797-1859), nucleus of the present library, were placed in the cases in the former trustees' room upstairs. In checking with the quaint catalogs of 1816 and 1841 it was surprising to see how many of those old leather bound volumes were still in existence. We also have many of the books of the Agricultural Library which was given to the town in 1873. Added to these are the gifts from various people which gives the library an interesting collection of old books from the eighteenth century on.

About 15 books of limited use here which the library did not own have been borrowed mainly thru the Division of Public Libraries.

Last winter an exhibit was arranged in the Frost museum case of articles representing countries in the war zone of the Pacific. Included were three knives brought from the Philippines at the close of the Spanish-American war by Walter Cutter, motorman of the Westford electric car line, three Chinese puppets, scarf from Java and bullock cast from Ceylon loaned by Miss Marion F. Winnek and dolls from Siam, Java and other countries belonging to the librarian. Books on this region were placed on the table nearby and maps of the war zones were hung in both rooms.

Later an exhibit of articles from the historical room collection was shown, among which were samples from the blue dinner set belonging to Miss Grace Wood's mother; Ephraim Abbot's commonplace book sewed on newspaper of 1800; gill measure of Colonel John Robinson which was used to measure out the men's daily ration of rum in the Revolution; and two horn spoons belonging to Charlotte Bronte.

As a new atlas was needed the one published by the Encyclopedia Britannica was purchased. At the close of the war the company will furnish new maps to bring it up to date.

The library cooperated with the American Library Association and the Division of Public Libraries in collecting books for the soldiers. About 600 were brought to the deposit station in Forge Village and to the library after which they were taken to the central station in Lowell. More will be needed this coming year.

The Library hall has been put to good use this year. The canteen class of the Woman's Defense Corps met there weekly on Thursday afternoons for ten weeks last spring. Since September 17 the Red Cross has met from two to four every library afternoon to fold bandages. This is open to everyone and more workers are needed.

A few magazines have been dropped as not used. All except current numbers may be borrowed for one week and the list for the coming year is as follows:

#### WEEKLIES

Geographic News Bulletin	Publishers' Weekly
Illustrated London News	Saturday Evening Post
Life	Time
New York Times Book Review	Turner's Public Spirit
News Week	(Westford Wardsman)

## MONTHLIES

A. L. A. Booklist	Hygeia
American	Instructor
American Cookery	Jack and Jill
American Girl	Ladies' Home Journal
American Home	National Geographic
Antiques	Natural History
Asia	Nature
Atlantic Monthly	Open Road
Better Homes and Gardens	Outdoor Life
Book Review Digest	Parents' Magazine
Boys' Life	Popular Mechanics
Child Life	Popular Science Monthly
Cosmopolitan	Reader's Digest
Country Gentleman	Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature
Etude	School Arts
Flying and Popular Aviation	Sky
Good Housekeeping	Travel
Grade Teacher	Wilson Bulletin
Harper's Monthly	Woman's Home Companion
Hobbies	Yankee
House Beautiful	

## BI-MONTHLY

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## QUARTERLIES

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## PERIODICALS GIVEN, 1942

Automotive War Production from	Automotive Council for War Production
The A. V.	From the Publishers
Bell Telephone Quarterly	From American Tel. & Tel. Co.
Books, N. Y. Herald Tribune	From The Old Corner Book Store
Christian Register	From Unitarian Alliance of Westford
Christian Science Monitor	From Miss Mary E. Burbeck
Christian Science Sentinel	From Miss Mary E. Burbeck

DuPont Magazine	From DuPont de Nemours Co.
Journal of Calendar Reform	From World Calendar Association
Middlesex County Bulletin	From Middlesex County Extension Service
New England News Letter	From New England Council
New Hampshire Troubadour	From State of New Hampshire
Opportunity	From the Publishers
Our Dumb Animals	From the Publishers
Specialty Salesman Magazine	From the Publishers
Steel Facts	From American Iron & Steel Institute
Tax Talk	From Mass. Federation of Taxpayers' Association
Taylor-Tycos Rochester Quarterly	From Taylor Instrument Co.
Today's Home	From the Gas Co.
Travelers Standard	From Travelers Insurance Co.
Army Life	From the War Department
Zion's Herald	From Graniteville Epworth League

#### NAMES OF DONORS, 1942

Australian National Publicity Association—one volume
Buckshorn, Fisher—12 volumes
Blodgett, Miss Della—several pictures, etc.
Cameron, Mrs. Julian A.—one volume
Caunter, Miss Florence—one volume
Courtis, Mrs.—4 volumes
Elliott, Herford N.—one volume
Fisher, John—3 volumes
Harrington, Mrs. William—15 volumes
Hartford, Mrs. Jennie—one Westford picture
Kelly, Miss Marian K.—6 volumes
Lambert, James—cheese press
Lawrence estate—pictures and other articles
Shurcliff, Arthur A.—one volume
Sullivan, Catherine and Geraldine—two jig-saw puzzles
Taylor, Mrs. W. R.—one volume
Walker, Robert—two jig saw puzzles

#### CIRCULATION

Total circulation of bound volumes .....	14,006
Volumes lent at Library .....	11,761
Volumes lent at Graniteville .....	1,013
Volumes lent at Forge Village .....	995
Volumes lent at Nabnasset .....	237
Circulation in children's department .....	4,942

Volumes lent thru the schools .....	1,991
Periodicals lent .....	3,153
Pamphlets and clippings lent .....	85
Pictures lent .....	730
Jig-saw puzzles lent .....	129
Number of days open .....	153
Largest monthly circulation of bound volumes, January .....	1,311
Smallest monthly circulation, September .....	752
Largest daily circulation, January 5 .....	205
Smallest daily circulation, December 24 .....	20

#### ACCESSIONS

Volumes added by purchase .....	393
Volumes added by gift .....	57
Volumes received from the United States .....	2
Volumes received from the State .....	4
Total number of volumes added .....	456
Number of volumes in the Library .....	21,789

#### AMOUNT OF FUNDS

Legacy of Stephen S. Stone .....	\$1,000.00
Legacy of Augustus K. Fletcher .....	1,000.00
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Adamic, Louis—Two-way passage .....	325.73	A1
Alderson, Nannie T. and Smith, H. H.—A bride goes west ....	B A362	
American Red Cross—First aid text-book .....	614.88	A
Anderson, Clarence W.—Thoroughbreds .....	636.1	A
Baker, Nina B.—He wouldn't be king; Simon Bolivar .....	B B690	
Baker, Ray S. (David Grayson)—Native American .....	B B169	
Baumer, Wm. H.—He's in the army now .....	355.12	B
Bernheim, Bertram M.—Adventure in blood transfusion .....	615.65	B
Betten, H. L.—Upland game shooting .....	799.24	B
Bisch, Louis E.—Why be shy? .....	179.9	B
Blair, Edna—The food garden .....	635	B3
Bosanquet, Mary—Saddlebags for suitcases .....	917.1	B2
Brockway, Sylvia, ed.—Respectfully yours, Annie .....	940.548142	B
Broemel, Louis—Sheet metal workers' manual .....	621.79	B
Brown, Cecil—Suez to Singapore .....	940.548	B1
Browne, Lewis—Something went wrong .....	909.8	B
Burchett, Wilfred G.—Pacific treasure island, New Caledonia ..	919.32	B
Chamberlain, Samuel—Fair is our land .....	917.3	C6
Clapesattle, Helen—The doctors Mayo .....	B M473	
Clark, Clarence C. and others—This physical world .....	500	C
Coale, Griffith B.—North Atlantic patrol .....	940.545	C
Connolly, James B.—Canton captain .....	B F695	
Crockett, Charles D.—The house in the rain forest .....	919.5	C
Crow, Carl—He opened the door of Japan .....	B H317	
Davies, Jos. E.—Mission to Moscow .....	947	D
Dempewolf, Richard—Famous old New England murders .....	343.7	D
Dempsey, Paul W.—Grow your own vegetables .....	635	D
Derleth, August W.—Village year; Sac Prairie journal .....	818	D6
DeSeversky, Alexander P.—Victory through air power .....	940.544	D1
Diamant, Gertrude—The days of Ofelia .....	917.2	D
Duncan, Dorothy—Bluenose: portrait of Nova Scotia .....	917.16	D
Enders, Gordon B.—Foreign devil .....	915.4	E
Finnie, Richard—Canada moves north .....	917.12	F1
Fischer, Helen F.—The flower family album .....	582.1	F
Fitch, Clyde—Barbara Frietchie; a play .....	812	F2
Fleisher, Wilfred—Volcanic isle .....	952	F
Forbes, Esther—Paul Revere and the world he lived in .....	B R452.1	
Forbes-Robertson, Diana—Battle of Waterloo Road .....	940.54422	F
Foster, Robert F.—Bridge for advanced players .....	795.4	F
French, Herbert E.—My Yankee mother .....	B F8747	
Gann, Ernest K.—Getting them into the blue .....	629.13	G1
Goodspeed, Thomas H.—Plant hunters in the Andes .....	581.98	G

Gould, Mary E.—Early American wooden ware .....	643.35	G
Gunther, John—Inside Latin America .....	980	G
Hargrove, Marion—See here, Private Hargrove .....	355.12	H
Harland, Elizabeth M.—Farmer's girl .....	630.942	H
Hasey, John F.—Yankee fighter in the Free French Foreign Legion .....	940.548173	H
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Hokinson, Helen E.—My best girls .....	817	H4
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Housman, Alfred E.—More poems .....	821	H7
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Kidder, Mary B.—No limits but the sky .....	918.5	K
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Lamprey, F. G.—Descriptive tour of the world .....	910.8	L
Lawrence, Chester H., ed.—New world horizons .....	910.1	L
Lawrence, Thos. E.—Seven pillars of wisdom .....	953	L1
Lee, Harry—More death to dawn; story of Thoreau .....	B T488.4	
Leigh, Randolph—Forgotten waters .....	917.22	L
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Mary and her little lamb as told by Mary and her neighbors....	B S271	
Means, Wm. G.—My guns .....	799.2	M
Mears, Helen—Year of the wild boar .....	915.2	M2
Merrick, Elliott—Northern nurse .....	B M569	
Mizwa, Stephen P., ed.—Great men and women of Poland .....	920.0438	M
Moore, Frederick—With Japan's leaders .....	952	M1
Morgan, Ann H.—Field book of animals in winter .....	591.54	M

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Nichols, Ann—Abie's Irish Rose .....	812 N
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—Road of a naturalist .....	B P3638
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Roosevelt, Eleanor R. and Macgregor, F. C.—This is America .....	917.3 R9
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Williams, Rebecca Y.—Carry me back .....	B	W727
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Ybarra, Thos. R.—Young man of Caracas .....	B	Y363
Ziff, Wm. B.—The coming battle of Germany .....	940.54	Z

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Aldridge, James—Signed with their honour .....	A	3655.2
Allis, Marguerite—The splendor stays .....	A	438.3
Ambler, Eric—Journey into fear .....	O	624.41
Atherton, Sarah H.—Mark's own .....	A	870.2
August, John—Advance agent .....	A	923.3
Aydelotte, Dora—Measure of a man .....	A	975.4
Bailey, Temple—The pink camellia .....	B	156.20
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Bayne, Spencer, pseud.—Agent extraordinary .....	B	361.2
Bechdolt, Frederick R.—Hot gold .....	B	391.3
Bottomo, Phyllis—London pride .....	B	751.6
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Briggs, Wm. H.—Dakota in the morning .....	B	854.2
Buck, Pearl—Dragon seed .....	B	9225.10
Burt, Maxwell S.—Along these streets .....	B	9733.3
Cannon, LeGrand, jr.—Look to the mountain .....	C	2265.2
Carroll, Gladys H.—Head of the line .....	C	319.6
Chandler, Caroline A.—Susie Stuart, M. D. ....	C	455.2
Chevalier, Elizabeth P.—Drivin' woman .....	C	527.2
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Johnson, Margaret S. and H. L.—Stablemates .....	jJ 685st
—Rolf, an elkhound of Norway .....	jJ 685r
Johnson, Richard—Saint George and the dragon .....	j398.2 J
Joor, Ruth H.—Bermuda vacation .....	j917.299 J
Judson, Clara I.—Railway engineer, George Stephenson .....	jB S836
Kanguk—Kanguk; a boy of Bering Strait .....	j919.8 K
Kaula, Edna M.—Growing up in New Zealand .....	j919.31 K
Kipling, Rudyard—How the camel got his hump .....	jK 575h
Lansing, Elizabeth H.—Leonardo, master of the Renaissance .....	jB L581
Lawson, Robert—They were strong and good .....	j920.07L
Leigh, Nadine—On top of the world .....	j919.8 L
Lenski, Lois—The little airplane .....	j629.13 L4
—Phebe Fairchild; her book .....	jL 573p
Lent, Henry B.—Air patrol .....	j629.13 L1
Lilienthal, Sophie—Sails, wheels and wings .....	j380 L
McClintock, Marshall—Story of New England .....	j974 M
McCloskey, Robert—Make way for ducklings .....	j701 M
McMeekin, Isabel M.—Journey cake .....	jM 167j
McSwigan, Marie—Snow treasure .....	jM 175s

Malcolmson, Anne B.—Yankee Doodle's cousin .....	j398.2 M6
Malkus, Alida S.—The silver Lama .....	jM 251si
Matschat, Cecile H.—American butterflies and moths .....	j595.78 M1
Meador, Stephen W.—T-model Tommy .....	jM 481t
Means, Florence C.—Shuttered windows .....	jM 483s
Merris, Cole—At the zoo .....	j599 C2
Newcomb, Covelle—The red hat; story of Cardinal Newman....	jB N553
O'Brien, John S.—Silver Chief to the rescue .....	jO 135si
Peet, Creighton—Defending America .....	j355 P
Petersham, Maud F. and Miska—An American A B C.....	j973 P4
—Jesus' story .....	j232.92 P1
Power, Eileen E. and Rhoda D.—Boys and girls of history.....	j914.2 P
Pyne, Mable—The little geography of the United States.....	j917.3 P
Raymond, Louise—The oldest story in the world .....	j221 R
Renick, Jas. L. and Marion L.—Steady; a baseball story.....	jR 413s
Sandys, E. V.—Boewulf .....	j398.2 S1
Singer, Caroline and Baldrige, C. L.—Santa Claus comes to America .....	j394.268 CS5
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Stong, Philip D.—Way down cellar .....	jS 881w
Strack, Lilian H.—Aluminum; a magic mineral .....	j669.7 S
—Crossing Canada .....	j917.1 S
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Thomas, Leslie—Since Columbus .....	j973 T
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Tregarthen, Enys—The doll who came alive .....	jT 787d
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Respectfully submitted,

MAY E. DAY,

Librarian.

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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD

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### Town Clerk

Charles L. Hildreth .....Term expires February, 1945

### Selectmen

Cyril A. Blaney .....Term expires February, 1944

Arthur L. Healy, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1945

Arthur M. Whitley, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1946

### Assessors

Edward F. Harrington, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1944

Samuel A. Fletcher, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1945

John J. O'Connell .....Term expires February 1946

### Board of Public Welfare

William L. Wall .....Term expires February, 1944

Samuel A. Richards .....Term expires February, 1945

Reginald Blowey .....Term expires February 1946

### Treasurer

Charlotte P. Greig .....Term expires February, 1944

### Collector of Taxes

David I. Olsson .....Term expires February, 1944

### Moderator

Ben W. Drew

### Constable

John F. Sullivan

### **School Committee**

Edward C. Buckingham .....Term expires February, 1944  
James Mulligan, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1944  
Thomas Curley .....Term expires February, 1945  
Clifford J. Courchaine .....Term expires February, 1945  
Dorothy E. Chandler, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1946  
Frederick W. Gatenby .....Term expires February, 1946

### **Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library**

Alice M. Howard, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1944  
William R. Taylor .....Term expires February, 1945  
William C. Roudenbush, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1946

### **Librarian**

May E. Day

### **Board of Cemetery Commissioners**

Sebastian B. Watson .....Term expires February, 1944  
Fred R. Blodgett .....Term expires February, 1945  
Axel G. Lundberg .....Term expires February, 1946

### **Board of Health**

Ralph K. Coleman, M. D., Chairman .....Term expires February, 1944  
Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Secretary .....Term expires February, 1945  
Cyril A. Blaney, M. D. ....Term expires February, 1946

### **Agents of Board of Health**

Amos B. Polley  
Dorothy A. Healy, R. N., Public Health Nurse and Collector of  
Samples  
Charles L. Hildreth, Agent to issue Burial Permits  
Glenn D. Estabrook, School and Health Dentist  
Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., Inspector of Dairies  
Melvin McMaster, Milk Examiner

### **Tree Warden**

Harry L. Nesmith

## Director for Demonstration Work in Agriculture and Home Economics

Mabel M. Nixon

### Finance Committee

Herford N. Elliott .....Term expires March 1, 1944  
Everett A. Scott .....Term expires March 1, 1944  
P. Henry Harrington .....Term expires March 1, 1945  
William E. Wright, Chairman .....Term expires March 1, 1945  
W. Otis Day .....Term expires March 1, 1946  
E. Kent Allen, Secretary .....Term expires March 1, 1946

### Committee in Charge of Whitney Playground

Charles L. Hildreth                      John Fisher                      Morris A. Hall

### Special Town Forest Committee

Edwin H. Gould .....Term expires March, 1944  
Fred R. Blodgett .....Term expires March, 1945  
William E. Wright .....Term expires March, 1946

### Registrars of Voters

Albert R. Wall .....Term expires March 31, 1944  
James J. McKniff .....Term expires March 31, 1945  
Norman E. Day .....Term expires March 31, 1946  
Charles L. Hildreth, Clerk, Ex-Officio

### Precinct Officers

Precinct 1.—Warden, Alonzo H. Sutherland (R); Deputy Warden, Fisher Buckshorn (R); Clerk, Robert J. Spinner (D); Deputy Clerk, John R. Leonard (D); Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson (R); Leo C. McDonald (D); Deputy Inspectors, Albert A. Hildreth (R); Edward L. Dailey (D).

Precinct 2.—Warden, Frank P. Shugrue (D); Deputy Warden, Clifford G. Carpentier (D); Clerk, Alfred T. W. Prinn (R); Deputy Clerk, William L. Wall (R); Inspectors, John R. Greene (R), John E. Connolly (D); Deputy Inspectors, Charles A. Blodgett (R), Arthur W. McLenna (D).

Precinct 3.—Warden, John J. Leslie (D); Deputy Warden, Arthur J. Deforge (D); Clerk, Harlan E. Knowlton (R); Deputy Clerk, William W. Gilson (R); Inspectors, Walter A. Whidden (R); Louis Courtemanche (D); Deputy Inspectors, Swan G. Swanson (R); Tracy A. Hubbard (D).

Precinct 4.—Warden, Leo J. Connell (D); Deputy Warden, John M. Mulligan (D); Clerk, Charles E. Dudevoir (R); Deputy Clerk, Leslie N. Athorn (R); Inspectors, James J. Kelly, Jr. (D); Reginald Blowey (R); Deputy Inspectors, Richard Lyons (D), Arthur T. Green-slade (R).

Note—(R) Republican; (D) Democrat.

#### **Chief of Police**

John F. Sullivan

#### **Regular Police Officer**

John L. Connell

#### **Dog Officers**

John F. Sullivan

John L. Connell

#### **Special Police Officers**

Allan Adams	Wilfred Gelinas	John J. O'Connell
George G. Beskalo, Jr.	Winslow P. George	Louis F. Oliver
Edward C. Buckingham	J. Austin Healy	Amos B. Polley
Lawrence J. Charlton	Ralph J. Hulslander	Edmund D. Rogers
Leo J. Connell	David Lord	Winthrop W. Sargent
Douglas F. Day	Charles A. Lorman	Edward J. St. Onge
Charles E. Dudevoir	Thomas McGrath	William L. Wall
	Frank A. Wright	

#### **Police Woman**

Dorothy A. Healy

**Superintendent of Streets**

J. Austin Healy

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Albert A. Hildreth

**Inspector of Animals**

Amos B. Polley

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

Amos B. Polley

**Forest Warden**

Leo R. Larkin

**Deputies Appointed by the Forest Warden**

Perley R. Carlin	F. Everett Miller
Richard W. Hall	Edmund D. Rogers
Harold E. Wright	

**Superintendent of Moth Department**

Harry L. Nesmith

**Engineers of the Fire Department**

Richard W. Hall, Clerk	Edmund D. Rogers, Chief
Harold E. Wright, Assistant Chief	

**Town Accountant and Clerk of Board of Selectmen**

Genevieve A. Healy

**Soldiers' Relief Agent  
and Sponsor's Agent of W. P. A.**

Genevieve A. Healy

**Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors**

Arthur T. Greenslade

**Superintendent of Westford Infirmary**

Leo J. Connell

**Keeper of the Lockup**

Leo J. Connell

**Town Fish and Game Warden**

Edmund L. Provost

**Janitor of Town House**

Frank A. Wright

**Janitor of Library Building**

Frank A. Wright

**Caretaker of Common**

Harold R. Hanning

**Town Counsel**

Edward L. Monahan

**Fence Viewers**

Charles A. Blodgett

Marden H. Seavey

Edwin H. Gould

**Field Drivers**

Gregory G. Beskalo, Jr. John W. Catchpole

John Holmes

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

Charles A. Blodgett

Edwin H. Gould

Arthur L. Healy

Fred W. Burnham

Isaac L. Hall

J. Austin Healy

Charles Freeman

P. Henry Harrington

Edmund L. Provost

### **Weighers for Abbot Worsted Co.**

Albert J. Burne	Earl Gorton	Robert J. Orr, Jr.
Richard Connell	George M. Haley	Wallace Young
Victor B. Daly	Michael T. Mosscrop	

### **Weigher of General Commodities**

Lawrence Brunelle	Arthur L. Healy	Edward Latuch
Francis D. Gagnon	Fred S. Healy	Joseph J. Oliver, Jr.
	John L. Shea	

### **Weighers of Granite**

Kenneth Andrews	Rudolph Haberman, Jr.	John Mahoney
John Gantzel	Evelyn Johnson	George F. Montague
	Edward F. Harrington	Helen B. Newell

### **Weighers of Textile Commodities**

Donald F. Barnes	Earl J. Connell	Edward F. McLenna
John Bohenko	Victor B. Daly	Lester A. McLenna
Albert J. Burne	David L. George	Robert J. Orr
Edwin L. Burne	George M. Haley	William E. Robinson
J. Clarence Burne	Clifford Jones	Thomas W. Sugden

### **Assistant Town Clerk**

Alice A. Hildreth

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NOTE.—The law requires that certain officers, including Measurers and Weighers, in order to qualify as such officers, be sworn in, and a record of their oath be filed with the Town Clerk. Many of the above mentioned officers have not so qualified.

## BIRTHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1943

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
Aug. 5	Abbood	Arthur and Rose (Hamevey)
Sept. 25	Alcorn	Frederick H. and Maude (Dysart)
July 2	Andrews	Albert F. and Evelyn (Aubrey)
May 6	Baker, Charles Edwin	Edwin L. and Isabel (Newton)
Jan. 28	Barretto, John Francis	John J. and Elizabeth (Walk)
Feb. 8	Benoit, Geraldine Ann	Lionel J. and Evelyn M. (Daly)
May 21	Benoit	William and Sylvia (Ypya)
Aug. 1	Beskallo, Gregory George III	Gregory G., Jr., and Hazel (Gitschier)
Apr. 19	Beskallo, Stephen Dennis	Stephen G. and Mary (Minko)
May 18	Boisvert, Robert Leo	William J. and Orea (Milot)
Jan. 4	Bolduc, Rose Mary Jean	Marcel E. and Rolande (Lamy)
Jan. 9	Boucher, Roger Robert Joseph	Leo J. and Pearl M. (Cote)
Nov. 23	Brule, Cynthia Lana	Leo J. and Gisele M. (Boucher)
Nov. 27	Brunelle, Doris Lorraine	Adelard A. and Marie E. (Lamy)
Feb. 2	Burchfield, Edward John	Edward and Milicent (Carbo)
June 26	Cantin, Roland Joseph, Jr.	Roland and Catherine (Latham)
Oct. 18	Carbonneau, Mary Elaine	William and Delle (Lea)
Apr. 6	Carkin, Richard Arnold	Perley R. and Jessie I. (Hanning)
Apr. 15	Carkin, Penny Lee	Ernest R. and Virginia M. (Gotham)
Sept. 25	Chapman, Michele	Alfred F. and Marjorie E. (Spinner)
Feb. 18	Cote, William Joseph, Jr.	William and Stasia (Filistowicz)
Apr. 5	Craig, Clark Albert, Jr.	Clark A. and Susan M. J. (Knight)
July 5	Daly, Vincent	Vincent B. and Marjorie (Connell)
Mar. 6	Dane, Robert Jerard	Walter F. and Ana E. (Nebes)
May 1	Day, Norman Edward	Norman E. and Pearl (Smith)
Dec. 31	Day, Thomas Ralph	Douglas F. and Gertrude C. (Lorrain)
Mar. 22	DeBow	Lloyd J. and Florence R. (Gregoire)
July 18	Deforge, Robert Arthur	Arthur J. and Eva A. (Johnson)
June 7	Dombrosk Ann	Harry F. and Violet (Gromberg)
June 13	Donnelly, Judith Gail	Frederick C. and Esther (Poznick)
July 16	Dow Pamela	John S. and Erma (MacBurnie)
Aug. 21	Drew, Eleanor Brooks	Benjamin W. and Sarah R. (Westcott)
Jan. 11	Evans, Edwina Winifred	Edwin and Gertrude (Provost)

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
July 9	Ferguson, James Raymond	James C. and Jean M. (Grenier)
Mar. 31	Gerlach, Carolyn Ann	Walter W. and Mildred Y. (Langley)
June 2	Goucher, Ann Elizabeth	George R. and Madeline E. (Stone)
Sept. 7	Guinan, Phillip Robert IV	Phillip R. and Rita M. (Sparhawk)
Dec. 12	Hall, Douglas John	Albert L. and Doris A. (Pray)
June 4	Healy, Henry Joseph	Richard H. and Mildred R. (Sullivan)
Feb. 16	Holmes, Elaine Alice	Arthur and Jeannette (Leduc)
Apr. 19	Holmes, Thomas John	John and Beulah M. (Gorton)
Dec. 21	Jelley, Pamela Margot	Charles and Eva (Sousa)
May 10	Kane, Mary Jane	Lawrence P. and Margaret L. (Orr)
Apr. 3	Knox, Karen Alyce	James C. P. and Mary F. (Young)
Oct. 31	Kosowicz, Stella Alice	Stanley and Mildred (Lavigne)
Aug. 19	Lane, James Michael	Frederick L. and Mary M. (Rooney)
July 25	Langley, Ronald Vernon	Walter and Evelyn (Heath)
Apr. 4	Leedberg, Melvin Edward	Clarence O. and Loretta B. (Mercier)
Aug. 24	Lefebvre, Bruce Harvey	Raymond G. and Dorothy M. (Stone)
Sept. 9	LePage, David Brian	Paul W. and Hazel (York)
Sept. 12	Leslie Daniel John	John E. and Isabella (Zanchi)
Nov. 18	MacMillan, William Charles	William and Rena (Cote)
Oct. 18	MacMillan, Paulette	John S. and Mildred (Milot)
Aug. 24	Mann, Patricia Ann	Oscar H. and Margaret (Toohey)
June 7	McAllister, Francis Theodore, Jr.	Francis T. and Sophie (Worobey)
Dec. 23	McArthur, William Anthony, Jr.	William A. and Sarah A. (Perkins)
July 28	McMahon, Robert Kevin	Martin E. and Catherine (May)
Feb. 21	Menard, Pauline Ruth	J. Roger and Germaine (Nadeau)
Oct. 25	Metcalf, Ruth Margaret	Roland P. and Mildred (Millis)
May 17	Millis, Willard Ellsworth, Jr.	Willard E. and Anita (Bryand)
Dec. 21	Mossdrop, Thomas Joseph	Michael T. and Mary F. (Kavanagh)
June 12	Mulligan, Brian Bernard	John M. and Irene (Gingras)
Apr. 8	Nesmith, George Linwood	George L. and Julia S. (Beskalo)
Nov. 20	Noel, Dianne Florence	Joseph A. and Florence (Lacroix)
Nov. 10	Olsen, Alexander Arne	Everett V. and Amelia (Moreno)
Jan. 10	Olsen, Vivian Rolande	Elmer S. and Rolande (Martin)
Jan. 16	Ordway, Allen Joseph	Roland V. and Nora M. (Gagnon)
May 27	Perkins, Jane Helen	Thomas H. and Violet S. (Struzenski)

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
Aug. 20	Petterson, Candis Brooke	John V. and Hilda (Blanchard)
Sept. 22	Phillips, Sandra Sue	Hamilton G. and Helen (Polesayka)
Nov. 10	Reeves, Marjorie Helen	Lester J. and Frances (Shugrue)
May 12	Ricard, Raymond Viateur	Viateur A. and Anita (Milot)
June 20	Stone, Richard Henry	Henry B. and Alice (Shackleton)
Apr. 2	Valcourt, Roland Joseph	Roland and Mary G. (Milot)
Apr. 9	Walsh, Brian	Michael J. and Mary (Holmes)
Dec. 16	Wasileuskas, Daniel Joseph	Joseph W. and Mildred C. (LeClerc)
Mar. 8	Wright, Barbara Jane	Walter A. and Helen E. (Cook)
Mar. 12	Wyman, Brian Stephens	Shirley C. and Esther L. (Stephen)
Jan. 23	Zanchi, Dale Nickie	Nicholas and Harriet (Abrahamson)

Total Number Recorded—Males 46; Females 35; Total 81

## MARRIAGES

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Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1943

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLAC
Nov. 6	Bohenko, Anthony Richard	32	Westford	Knyzyn, Poland
	Gevry, Rita May	21	Webster	Webster
June 14	Bresse, Raymond Edmund	29	Natick	Island Pond, Vt.
	Gagnon, Ida Mary	23	Westford	Westford
July 3	Briscoe, Luka	48	Westford	Dubno, Russia
	Butko, Aksenia (Sidarowich)	39	Lowell	Dubno, Russia
June 2	Brown, Merrill William	33	Providence, R. I.	No. Scituate, R. I.
	Macentee, Rose Mary (Thifault)	39	Westford	Lowell
Jan. 30	Catchpole, John William	62	Westford	Paddock, England
	Vogel, Katherine V. (Gately)	47	Roxbury	Roxbury
Nov. 8	Colarusso, Umberto Palmo	42	Littleton	Boston
	Selfridge, Ange Rose (Friedrich)	37	Westford	Tiffin, Ohio
Mar. 6	Coleman, Ralph Kenneth	40	Westford	Quincy
	Robichaud, Henrietta Rose (McNiff)	37	Westford	Harvard
June 12	Crocker, Bryce Hunter	20	Westford	Chelmsford
	Courtemanche, Madeleine Loretta	18	Westford	Lowell
Aug. 20	Dean, John Benjamin	33	Westford	No. Dighton
	Melville, Cora Evelyn	32	Westford	Nova Scotia
Mar. 20	Delaware, Willard Ameddie (Drouin)	32	Madison, Me.	Caratunk, Me.
	Mann, Harriett Anna	20	Westford	Westford
June 26	Doucette, Victor Gleamont	37	Westford	Westford
	McEnaney, Dorothy Mary Shattuck	32	Westford	Chelmsford
Nov. 10	Dube, George Edward	23	Lowell	Westford
	Sullivan, Helen	23	Westford	Boston
Oct. 3	Dubey, James Joseph	20	Westford	Westford
	MacArthur, Marilyn Elaine	15	Westford	Cambridge
Dec. 5	Fitzpatrick, Frederick John	23	Westford	Roxbury
	Hanson, Lois Evelyn	24	Westford	Westford

DATE OF MARRIAGE		NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLAC
Mar. 20		Fletcher, Rowland Taylor	21	Westford	Lowell
		Stancombe, Ethel May	20	Lowell	Lowell
May 1		Forson, Alexander	31	Westford	Westford
		Lecuyer, Doris Marie Jeanne	22	Lowell	Lowell
July 6		Gagnon, Harold Joseph	23	Westford	Westford
		Maille, Olivette Fernande	21	Dracut	Dracut
Apr. 1		Gann, J. D.	31	Fort Worth, Tex.	Ft. Worth, Tex.
		Abrahamson, Philemon (Gagnon)	37	Chelmsford	Westford
Oct. 23		Gelinas, Armand	32	Groton	Canada
		LeCourt, Mary Clare	25	Groton	Chelmsford
Jan. 23		Hall, Albert Leroy	22	Westford	Westford
		Pray, Doris Arlene	22	Ayer	Clinton
Aug. 15		Holohan, William Paul	20	Groton	Groton
		Grenier, Simone Ann	19	Westford	Westford
June 27		Jeter, Tillman Spencer	21	Paces, Va.	Paces, Va.
		Gordon, Dorothy	19	Westford	Westford
Nov. 27		Joy, John Lawrence	22	Addison, Me.	Addison, Me.
		Flanagan, Margaret Elizabeth	19	Westford	Westford
June 20		Lacovara, Dominick Joseph	25	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
		Kelly, Margaret Patricia	22	Westford	Westford
Jan. 16		Lalli, Pasquale Antonio	26	Maynard	Maynard
		Gagnon, Rena Antoinnette	25	Westford	Westford
Sept. 4		Lamy, Roland Noe	22	Westford	Westford
		Lamothe, Renette	21	New Bedford	New Bedford
Mar. 21		MacMillan, John Sutherland, Jr.	23	Groton	Groton
		Milot, Mildred Marea	21	Westford	Westford
Feb. 13		MacMillan, William Charles	21	Groton	Groton
		Cote, Rena Flora	18	Westford	St. Thomas. Canada
Jan. 2		Mann, Oscar Henry	22	Westford	Westford
		Toohey, Margaret Anna	19	Hartford, Conn.	Hartford, Conn.
Apr. 28		McArthur, William Anthony	25	Lowell	Lowell
		Perkins, Sarah Arizona	22	Westford	Westford

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLAC
Feb. 16	Metcalf, Roland Preston	20	Ayer	Ayer
	Millis, Mildred Ruth	18	Westford	Westford
July 11	Newsom, Earl Gray	30	Arlington, Va.	Munday, Texas
	Pupchick, Anna	23	Westford	Westford
July 31	Newton, Norman	22	Westford	Keighley, Eng.
	Stimpson, Margaret June	19	Littleton	Brooks, Me.
Feb. 1	Nigon, Joseph	25	Rochester, Minn.	Rochester, Minn.
	Johnstone, Janet Stewart	23	Westford	Westford
Sept. 4.	Parfitt, Andrew William	31	Westford	Contoocook, N. H.
	Hefler, Bertha Alice	25	Lowell	Lowell
Aug. 7	Pomerleau, Arthur Joseph	23	Lowell	Chelmsford
	Gagnon, Dorothy Marie	19	Westford	Westford
June 12	Soubosky, Robert Leo	21	Westford	Westford
	Milot, Lorande Mary	23	Westford	Westford
Nov. 13	Sproul, Samuel Morton	22	Hanover	Hanover
	Whitney, Myrtle Phyllis	25	Westford	Westford
June 14	Teague, William Gerard	22	Lowell	Lowell
	May, Margaret Mary	24	Westford	Westford
Oct. 2	Tousignant, Leo Dave	26	Westford	Westford
	Mallozzi, Teresa Antoinette	20	Barre	Barre
Sept. 6	Tousignant, Roland Joseph	21	Westford	Westford
	Gamache, Laurette Eva	18	Nashua, N. H.	Nashua, N. H.
June 20	Vose, Walter Almon	27	Westford	Westford
	Kotopoulos, Olga	26	Lowell	Lowell
May 27	Webster, Howard Eustace	38	Westford	Brookline
	Prescott, Betty	32	Westford	West Medford
Apr. 25	Zelukiewicz, John Joseph	22	Maynard	Maynard
	Lamy, Rena Alice	21	Westford	Westford

Total Number Recorded 44

## DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1943

DATE OF DEATH	Name	AGE		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Apr. 5	Boynton, Edson G.	74	7	26
Nov. 17	Cole, Nellie Louise (Sargent)	83	—	15
Apr. 28	Crawford, Jessie M. (Craig) wife of Frank E.	64	3	23
June 7	Dupuis, Donat	49	7	7
May 6	Fletcher, Ida May (Walkden)	56	11	6
Mar. 31	Fontaine, Mederic	69	8	23
Aug. 6	French, James Horton—husband of Sophia A.	64	8	7
Nov. 29	Furbush, Frank Russell—husband of Kathlyn	57	7	29
Nov. 2	Green, Laura Winifred	81	4	29
June 9	Guyot, George	84	1	29
Nov. 24	Harrington, Carrie (Bemis)	77	3	24
Aug. 11	Healey, William H.—husband of Bridget	68	7	27
Nov. 10	Hughes, Thomas Alfred—husband of Gertrude	52	4	14
Feb. 25	Hughes, Thomasina E. (Larmou)	62	1	29
Aug. 7	Jenkins, Mark Woodbury—husband of Helen R.	75	11	21
Aug. 9	Lanctot, Napoleon—husband of Corinne	79	3	1
Sept. 29	LePage, David B.	—	—	20
Nov. 20	MacMillan, Joseph	—	—	3
Apr. 26	McAllister, Francis T.—husband of Sophie	37	11	29
May 1	Menard, Florina (Provost)—wife of Alexandre	59	9	3
Sept. 22	Milot, Adeline (Bournival)	75	1	18
Nov. 13	Milot, Virginia (Roy)—wife of Anthony	71	7	—
Mar. 8	Molloy, Michael	77	3	25
Feb. 15	Morrow, John Henry—husband of Mary A.	69	3	30

DATE OF DEATH	Name	AGE		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Dec. 29	Mulligan, Alice (McKniff)	76	7	—
Feb. 28	Murphy, Henry J.	78	11	22
Jan. 4	Palmquist, Bernt Hilding—husband of Mary	50	7	13
Feb. 3	Pelletier, Joseph A.—husband of Mary	76	—	21
May 15	Picking, Ollie Shepard (Smith)—wife of Richard	69	5	18
Mar. 2	Randall, Edward	—	10	4
Nov. 26	Soubosky, Julius	68	10	—
Jan. 25	Sullivan, John Francis—husband of Nora	76	—	—
May 1	Supple, Jeremiah T.—husband of Ellen	76	9	26
Feb. 3	Willard, Ernest Edgar	58	11	14

	Males	Females	Total
Total number recorded .....	24	12	36
Number of Deaths in Town .....	15	8	23
Residents of Westford .....	23	12	35

## NOTE

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath made by one who was required by law, to furnish the information for the original record or by one or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See General Laws, Chapter 46, Section 13 as amended.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

Attention is particularly called to the following extracts from the General Laws:

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### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46

Section 1. Each city and town clerk shall receive or obtain and record \* \* \* facts relative to the births \* \* \* in his city or town.

Section 3. Every physician or medical officer registered shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge and \* \* \* shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred a report \* \* \* if the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both father and mother filed \* \* \* Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported \* \* \* A physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars \* \* \*.

Section 4. A member or servant of a family in which a child is born, having knowledge of the facts required \* \* \* shall furnish the same upon request of the clerk of the town \* \* \* or of any person authorized by him. (Penalty for refusing, not more than ten dollars.)

Section 6. Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder within forty days after a birth in his house shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

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#### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 207

Section 36. If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth, who return to dwell here, they shall within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the town where either of them lived at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of their marriage including the facts required in a notice of intention of marriage.

Section 55. Whoever violates Section 36 shall forfeit ten dollars.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish, parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital medical officers applying therefor, with blanks for return of births as required by law.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS

Number of Dogs Licensed January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943:

178 Males at \$2.00 .....	\$ 356.00
32 Females at \$5.00 .....	160.00
37 Spayed Females at \$2.00 .....	74.00
<hr/> 247	<hr/> \$ 590.00

Clerk's fees at 20 cents on 247 licenses .....\$ 49.40

Paid to Town as per Treasurer's Receipts ..... 540.60 \$ 590.00

The attention of owners and keepers of dogs is called to the following extracts from Chapter 140 of the General Laws as amended:

Definition: "License period," the time between April first and the following March thirty-first, both dates inclusive.

Section 137. A person who at the commencement of a license period is, or who during any license period becomes, the owner or keeper of a dog when it becomes three months old during a license period, shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed until the end of such license period, and the owner or keeper of a dog so registered, numbered, described and licensed during any license period, in order to own or keep such dog after the beginning of the succeeding license period, shall, before the beginning thereof, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for such period.——The registering, numbering, describing and licensing of a dog——shall be——if kept in any——town in the office of the clerk thereof.

The license shall be in a form prescribed by the director, upon a blank to be furnished,——by the county in which the town is located, and shall be subject to the condition expressed therein that the dog which is the subject of the license shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing live stock or fowls. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form prescribed by the director, and upon which shall appear the license number, the name of the town issuing such license and the year of issue. Such tags shall

be furnished in the same manner as the license blanks, and if any such tag shall be lost the owner or keeper of such dog shall forthwith secure a substitute tag from the town clerk——at a cost of ten cents which, if received by a town clerk, shall be retained by him unless otherwise provided by law.

Section 139. Fees for licenses. The fee for every license shall, except as otherwise provided, be two dollars for a male dog and five dollars for a female dog, unless a certificate of a registered veterinarian who performed the operation that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation has been filed with the town clerk, in which case the fee shall be two dollars. A certified copy of such certificate on file in the office of any town clerk within the commonwealth may be accepted as evidence that the said operation has been performed.——

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED THRU DECEMBER 31, 1943

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For License Year Ending March 31, 1944.

Abbood, Arthur A. (m)	Carleton, Richard B. (m)
Abbot, Edward M. (1m 1f)	Carlson, John (s)
Abbot, John B. (m)	Carmichael, Charlotte (3f)
Abbott, Jessie (s)	Carpentier, Frederick F. (s)
Abreu, Anthony (1m 1f)	Carter, W. Wallace (s)
Allen, E. Kent (s)	Chace, William G. (f)
Anderson, Donald E. (m)	Charlton, Frances C. (m)
Anderson, Gustave L. (m)	Clements, Edna Kittredge (f)
Atwood, Florence E. (3m)	Cole, Ralph E. (s)
Bartlett, Inez I. (m)	Coleman, Ralph K. (s)
Belleville, Lillian M. (1m 1s)	Collins, Ray P. (m)
Berchtold, Otto H. (s)	Comey, Susannah (m)
Blanchard, Roy E. (s)	Connell, Leo J. (m)
Blodgett, Chas. A. & Fred R. (f)	Connolly, Robert (ni)
Blowey, Adolphus (m)	Coupal, Anna (m)
Boisvert, Emma M. (m)	Coupal, Napoleon (m)
Bolyea, Lillian (m)	Courchaine, Clifford J. (m)
Brule, Joseph (f)	Courtemanche, Louis (m)
Budge, William K. (1m 1s)	Courtney, Samuel J. (m)
Burke, George H. (m)	Culp, Lawrence R. (m)
Burne, Albert J. (m)	Curley, Thomas (m)
Caless, Charlotte (s)	Day, Avis E. (m)
Caless, Thomas W. (m)	Day, Norman E. (m)

DeBow, Klein N. M. (1s 1m)  
 Decatur, Frederick J. (m)  
 DeLaHaye, Edmund J. (m)  
 Desmond, David L. (m)  
 Donnelly, Harry G. (m)  
 Doucette, Clyde L. (s)  
 Duguid, Alexander, Jr. (m)  
 Dupras, Fred L. (m)  
 Dymowicz, Julian (m)  
 Eastman, Elizabeth A. (m)  
 Elliott, Priscilla B. (2m)  
 Fallon, Owen P. (m)  
 Fecteau, Moses L. (s)  
 Ferguson, Claire (m)  
 Fisher, Frances B. (m)  
 Fitzpatrick, Frederick J. (m)  
 Fletcher, E. Kennard (s)  
 Fletcher, Priscilla K. (m)  
 Foss, Raymond (m)  
 Friedrich, Valentine (m)  
 Frost, Alice E. (f)  
 Gamage, Henry C. (m)  
 Gantzel, John H. (f)  
 Gardel, Fortuna (2m 1f)  
 Gatesby, Frederick W. (m)  
 Gelinas, Wilfred (m)  
 Gelinas Zachary (1m 1f)  
 Gould, Edwin H. (f)  
 Gower, George E. (m)  
 Greenslade, Arthur T. Jr. (m)  
 Greig, Charlotte P. (f)  
 Greig, Clara A. (m)  
 Hagberg, Ernest A. (m)  
 Haley, Frank L. (f)  
 Haley, George M. (s)  
 Hall, John H. (m)  
 Hall, Marjorie A. (f)  
 Harless, Bert A. Jr. (m)  
 Harrington, William C. (m)  
 Hartford, Hazel B. (s)  
 Hemen, Robert J. (m)  
 Hildreth, Barbara H. (m)  
 Hildreth, Harold W. (s)  
 Hildreth, Leon F. (s)  
 Hodgson, Harry (m)  
 Hook, Harold P. (m)  
 Hotz, Marie J. (2m)  
 Hubbel, Edgar G. (1m 1f)  
 Ingalls, Harry M. (2m)  
 Johnson, Florence E. (m)  
 Kazeniac, Stanley (m)  
 Keizer, Roy L. (s)  
 Knutson, Edward W. (f)  
 Langevin, J. Romeo (m)  
 Leduc, Nellie M. (m)  
 Leedberg, Clarence O. (m)  
 Lessard, L. Philippe (m)  
 Liddle, Lester J. (m)  
 Longden, Henry W. (s)  
 Loomis, Herbert D. (f)  
 Lorum, James (m)  
 MacDougall, Allister F. (m)  
 MacInness, Jess (m)  
 Maguire, Francis C. (m)  
 Mann, Clarence W. (m)  
 Mann, Mabel E. (s)  
 McCarthy, Arthur (m)  
 McIntire, Elmer F. (s)  
 McKniff, Winifred C. (m)  
 Merrick, Mary (m)  
 Miller, Everett E. (m)  
 Miller, Rita H. (f)  
 Milot, Armand (m)  
 Milot, Lucien (m)  
 Mountain, Albert E. (1m 1f)  
 Munroe, Albert H. (f)  
 Munroe, Howard T. (s)  
 Nesmith, Norman K. (m)  
 Nixon, Warren M. (m)  
 Nold, George W. (s)  
 O'Connell, Harold F. (m)  
 Odell, Charles Q. (m)  
 Olsson, David I. (s)  
 Orr, Joseph (m)  
 Ouellette, Ernest D. (m)  
 Peck, Robert M. (m)  
 Perkins, Joseph P. (1m 1f)  
 Petersen, Gertrude H. (f)  
 Phillips, Hamilton G. (f)  
 Picking, Bernice G. (m)

Picking, M. Gertrude (m)	Taylor, William R. (m)
Pote, Alma L. (m)	Totton, Thomas (m)
Potter, J. Robert (m)	Traversa, Antonio J. (m)
Prescott, Philip T. (f)	Turner, Heather (m)
Profita, Joseph M. (s)	Turnquist, Elmer A. (1m 1s)
Provost, Edmund L. (m)	Tuttle, Ruth P. (s)
Provost, Mary A. (m)	Valcourt, Ernest J. (m)
Reeves, Lester J. (s)	Vasselin, John F. (m)
Reid, Vinson C. (m)	Vickers, Ephraim (m)
Rogers, Edmund D. (1m 1f 1s)	Voropay, Nicholas P. (m)
Roudenbush, William C. (s)	Vyskaska, Mary (m)
Sargent, Dorothy R. (1m 1s)	Wheeler, Susie J. (m)
Scott, Everett A. (2m)	Whitney, Grace L. (m)
Seaton, Josephine P. (m)	Hamilton, E. Whitney, Jr. (f)
Shea, W. Raymond (f)	Whitney, John (m)
Simons, Sigmund (m)	Wilson, T. Arthur E. (m)
Sjokvist, Frank (m)	Wilson, Warren (m)
Stanlonis, Jacob (1m 1f)	Woodard, Clark E. (s)
Succo, Florence (s)	Woodruff, David (m)
Sullivan, Helen (m)	Wright, Frank A. (m)
Sullivan, Margaret (m)	York, J. Ellsworth (m)
Tandus, John (m)	Zubowicz, Leon (m)

NOTE: (m) Male; (f) Female; (s) Spayed Female.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk

# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION—FEBRUARY 8, 1943

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	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of ballots cast ....	140	62	27	77	306

## SELECTMEN

Arthur M. Whitley, Pleasant St.	121	46	25	66	258
Samuel A. Richards .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	18	16	2	11	47

## ASSESSOR

John J. O'Connell, Main St. ....	123	48	25	68	264
Blanks .....	17	14	2	9	42

## PUBLIC WELFARE

Reginald Blowey, Pleasant St. ....	110	45	25	65	245
Samuel A. Richards .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	29	17	2	12	60

## CONSTABLE

John F. Sullivan, Boston Rd. ....	119	45	25	66	255
Blanks .....	21	17	2	11	51

## MODERATOR

Ralph K. Coleman, Long Rd. ....	40	28	7	35	110
Ben W. Drew, Main St. ....	96	31	19	30	176
Samuel A. Richards .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	3	3	1	12	19

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Vote for two)

Dorothy E. Chandler, Wright Lane	117	31	21	47	216
Frederick W. Gatenby, Main St. G	104	48	22	60	234
Blanks .....	59	45	11	47	162

## TRUSTEE OF J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

William C. Roudenbush, Main St.	125	40	23	61	249
Blanks .....	15	22	4	16	57

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

Axel G. Lundberg, Chamberlin Rd.	122	39	24	57	242
Louis Oliver .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	17	23	3	20	63

# BOARD OF HEALTH

Cyril A. Blaney, Boston Rd. ....	92	43	23	61	219
Samuel A. Richards .....	1	0	0	0	1
Ben Drew .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	46	19	4	16	85

# TREE WARDEN

Harry L. Nesmith, Concord Rd. 111	41	25	61	238	
Kent Allen .....	1	0	0	1	
May Atwood .....	1	0	0	1	
Blanks .....	27	21	2	16	66

We hereby certify that the above is a true canvass of the votes cast at the Annual Town Election held February 8, 1943.

Attest:

NORMAN E. DAY  
JAMES J. McKNIFF  
ALBERT R. WALL  
CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Registrars of Voters

A True Record, Attest:  
CHARLES L. HILDRETH  
Town Clerk

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—FEBRUARY 15, 1943

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, February 15, 1943, at one o'clock P. M., the following business was transacted:

Ben W. Drew, Town Moderator, called the meeting to order.

Rev. Herbert J. Loomis, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, offered prayer.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

Article 1. Voted that the reports of the Finance Committee, other Committees, Boards and Officers be accepted as printed.

Article 2. Voted that the compensation of Town Officers be as follows: Selectmen, Chairman \$200.00; other two members \$175.00 each; Board of Public Welfare, Chairman \$20.00; other two members \$10.00 each; Town Treasurer \$900.00; Town Clerk \$250.00; Collector of Taxes .75 of 1% of the amount collected; Tree Warden \$0.53 per hour; Assessors \$4.50 per day of eight hours; Registrars and Assistant Registrars of Voters \$4.50 per day of eight hours, for listing as required by law.

Article 3. Voted that under this Article each item be considered separately.

1. Voted that the sum of \$7600.00 be raised and appropriated for General Government to be divided as follows: Selectmen \$750.00; License Expenses \$75.00; Town Treasurer \$1250.00; Town Accountant \$975.00; Assessors \$1200.00; Tax Collector \$1650.00; Town Counsel \$200.00; Tax Title Expenses \$300.00; Town Clerk \$500.00; Election and Registration \$700.00.
2. Voted that the sum of \$2500.00 be raised and appropriated for the General Expenses of the Town Hall.
3. Voted that the sum of \$6725.00 be raised and appropriated for purpose of defraying expenses of the Police Department to be divided as follows: General Expenses \$6375.00; Road Marking \$350.00.

4. Voted that the sum of \$4500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Fire Department to be divided as follows: General Expenses \$4000.00; permanent man \$500.00.
5. Voted that the sum of \$3350.00 be raised and appropriated for Fire Hydrants.
6. Voted that the sum of \$125.00 be raised and appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.
7. Voted that the sum of \$75.00 be raised and appropriated for the salary and expenses of the Fish and Game Warden.
8. Voted that the sum of \$1000.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of Fighting Forest Fires.
9. Voted unanimously to take up Article 10 before Article 3, Item 9.

Article 10. Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of repairing the damage to the trees on the Common caused by ice storms and wind storms, the said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 3.

9. Voted that the sum of \$100.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Town Forest.
10. A motion that the sum of \$1000.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Tree Warden was lost.  
Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Tree Warden.
11. A motion that the sum of \$1838.17 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Moth Department was lost.  
Voted that the sum of \$900.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Moth Department.
12. Voted that the sum of \$3500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Health Department.
13. Voted that the sum of \$150.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Cattle Inspector.
14. Voted that the sum of \$20,009.55 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Highway Department to be divided as follows: Snow and Ice Removal \$4500.00; Town Roads \$1500.00; Chapter 81 Roads \$10,375.00; Highway Equipment \$3634.55.

Voted that the sum of \$3000.00 be appropriated for Maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, on condition that like amounts be contributed by either or both the State and County respectively, to be used in conjunction therewith.

15. Voted unanimously to take up Article 15 before Article 3, Item 15.

Article 15. Voted that the sum of money appropriated under Article 3 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held May 5, 1941 be transferred to the account entitled "Welfare Department Account."

#### Article 3.

15. Voted that the sum of \$30,550.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Welfare Department to be divided as follows: Temporary Aid and Infirmary \$11,550.00; Aid to Dependent Children \$3500.00; Old Age Assistance \$15,500.00.
16. Voted that the sum of \$3000.00 be raised and appropriated for Soldiers' Benefits.
17. Voted that the sum of \$79,800.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the general expenses of the School Department.
18. Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for Vocational School Tuition.
19. Voted that the sum of \$2509.29 be raised and appropriated, together with the receipts from dog licenses in 1942, for the expenses of the Public Library.
20. Voted that the sum of \$250.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of the Common.
21. Voted that the sum of \$250.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of Commemorating Memorial Day.
22. Voted that the sum of \$650.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of Publishing and Distributing the Town Reports.
23. Voted that the sum of \$1100.00 be raised and appropriated for Compensation Insurance.
24. Voted that the sum of \$3850.00 be raised and appropriated for Fire Insurance.
25. Voted that the sum of \$3900.00 be raised and appropriated for General Loans.

26. Voted that the sum of \$243.50 be raised and appropriated for Interest on General Loans.
27. Voted that the sum of \$250.00 be raised and appropriated for Interest on Revenue Loans.
28. Voted that the sum of \$2000.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of Cemeteries.
29. Voted that the sum of \$6930.00 be raised and appropriated for Street Lights.
30. Voted that the sum of \$3000.00 be raised and appropriated to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6.
31. Voted that the sum of \$1088.42 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying Unpaid Bills of previous years, to be divided as follows: Selectmen \$74.40; Assessors \$42.95; Police Department \$7.16; Fire Department \$44.46; Board of Health \$10.89; Board of Public Welfare, Temporary Aid \$456.10; Infirmary \$54.62; Old Age Assistance \$174.36; Committee Public Safety, Report Center \$9.52, Tower \$26.51, Rationing Board \$187.45.

Article 4. Voted unanimously that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year beginning January 1, 1943 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17 of the General Laws.

Article 5. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to act as the Agent of the Town in any suit or suits which may arise during the current year, with authority to settle and adjust claims or demands for or against the Town, and to employ counsel whenever in their judgment it is deemed advisable so to do.

Article 6. Voted that the sum of \$2250.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the Town's share of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital as assessed in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter III of the General Laws.

Article 7. Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of the Whitney Playground.

Article 8. Voted to dismiss this Article relative to Federal and State Projects.

Article 9. Voted that the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated for Band Concerts during the current year.

Article 11. Voted to dismiss this Article relative to placing War Damage Insurance.

Article 12. Voted that the sum of \$600.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of Air Raid Warning Activities and for the purposes set forth in Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1941, the same to be expended under the direction of the Westford Committee on Public Safety.

Article 13. Voted that the sum of \$1200.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the salaries and expenses of the Ration Board, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Westford Ration Board.

Article 14. Voted that the sum of \$3634.55 be transferred from the Machinery Fund to the Highway Equipment Account.

Article 16. Voted unanimously that this Article relative to the sale of the Cannon and Cannon Balls on the Common for junk, be dismissed.

Article 17. Voted that the Cemetery Commissioners be and hereby are authorized to sell for junk or for whatever other sum the said Cemetery Commissioners may obtain therefor, the horse-drawn hearse owned by the Town, and to transfer title to the same on behalf of the Town by a good and sufficient Bill of Sale.

Article 18. Voted to dismiss this Article relative to the purchase of a Ford Truck for the use of the Cemetery Department.

Article 19. Voted to dismiss this Article relative to the purchase of a new or used truck for the use of the Cemetery Department.

Article 20. Voted to dismiss this Article relative to an affirmative vote under Article 19.

Article 21. Voted that the sum of \$10.00 be raised and appropriated for Demonstration Work in Agriculture and Home Economics, and that a Director be elected, under the Provisions of Chapter 128, Sections 40-45 of the General Laws, as amended. Mabel M. Nixon was elected by ballot.

Article 22. Voted 9 Yes to 13 No not to dismiss this Article.

Voted that the Town accept Oak and Chestnut Streets as laid out by the Selectmen as shown by their report and plan duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Article 23. Voted that the following Streets and Roads, if they have legally been accepted by the Town, be discontinued: Desmond Road; Granite Street; Cowdrey Hill Road; Vose Road from Old Lowell Road to Griffin Road.

Article 24. Voted that the Town accept the devise under the eighth clause of the will of Oscar R. Spaulding, late of said Westford deceased testate, of a certain parcel of land therein referred to, containing about one hundred and seven acres and commonly known as the Snow Swamp Lot. It was later unanimously voted to reconsider this Article and it was voted that under this Article this additional vote be passed:

Voted that the Town Clerk be instructed, on behalf of the Town, to write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Oscar R. Spaulding, Executrix under his will, for this devise.

Article 25. Voted that the Board of Assessors be and hereby are authorized to use as free cash a sum of money in such amount as the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth shall approve, not however, in excess of \$15,000.00; the said sum of money to be applied in determining the tax rate for the year 1943.

Article 26. Voted unanimously to reconsider Article 1. Voted that the Finance Committee's Report as printed in the Town Report, Article 3, Item 10, be corrected to read "Tree" instead of "Fire" Warden.

Article 27. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

Article 28. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—MAY 4, 1943

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Tuesday, May 4, 1943, at eight o'clock P. M., the following business was transacted:

Ben W. Drew, Town Moderator, called the meeting to order.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

Voted to defer the report of the Finance Committee until a later time.

Article 1. Voted that the appropriation of Thirty Six Hundred Thirty Four and 55/100 Dollars for Highway Equipment, under Item 14 of Article 3 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held February 15, 1943, be rescinded. The Finance Committee verbally approved this article.

Article 2. Voted that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to sell the following bonds and stocks given to the Town for maintenance of the Metcalf Monument, and reinvest the greater amount of the proceeds received from said sale in United States Government Bonds Series G, to be held in trust under the same terms as were the said bonds and stocks.

1 Erie RR Co. General Mortgage  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  Income Bond Series A, Due Jan. 1, 2015, No. GD 4004, \$500, Bearer.

1 Erie RR Co. First Consolidated Mortgage 4% Bond Series B. No. BB 3392, \$500, Bearer. Due Jan 1, 1995.

1 Scrip Certificate for preferred stock, Series A, void on and after July 2, 1946, for 80/100 of one share No. SP 7591.

1 Certificate made payable to the Town of Westford for 11 shares of 5% preferred stock, Series A. Erie RR—PO 15334. No date.

Article 3. Voted that three persons be appointed by the Moderator from year to year, and be constituted a Committee with authority to sell from time to time at private or public sale, and on such terms as the said Committee shall deem best, parcels of land which have been acquired or may in the future be acquired by the Town under the provisions of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, as amended. and to transfer title thereto by executing in the name of and on behalf of the Town good and sufficient deeds of the same.

Article 4. Voted that the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of converting the Police Tudor Sedan into an ambulance.

Article 5. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

Article 6. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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January 20, 1944

To the Citizens of Westford:

The Board organized for the year with Arthur M. Whitley, Chairman, Arthur L. Healy, Secretary and Cyril A. Blaney as the third member.

The reports of various committees and boards are herein printed.

A report of the Annual State Audit is printed herein.

The W. P. A. School Lunch, under the supervision of Mrs. Charlotte P. Greig, ceased to operate in February.

The trimming of the trees on Westford Common, which were damaged by the hurricane, was most satisfactorily carried out under the direction of Mr. Edward M. Abbot and the work was done by the Davey Tree Expert Company.

A schedule form of fire insurance was adopted by the Selectmen, consolidating all policies and dividing the coverage into four equal parts allotting same to the local agencies.

Signed:

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY,

ARTHUR L. HEALY,

CYRIL A. BLANEY,

Selectmen.

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

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Board of Selectmen,  
Westford, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

The usual Maintenance was carried out this year, which includes graveling, tarring and patching, with bituminous materials, of our various streets and those that come under our Chapter 81 Contract.

### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

This year the State and County did not appropriate any money for Chapter 90 Construction Work.

### CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

The usual Maintenance of Chapter 90 Highways was carried out under the provisions of this allotment.

A new surface treatment was used on these streets. This treatment consisted of an application of tar and pea stone which was mixed and levelled by a power grader. Rice stone was next applied as a binder, and a thorough rolling completed the work.

Respectfully yours,

J. AUSTIN HEALY,

Supt. of Streets.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Westford, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1943 for the Police Department.

Report to the Department of Correction has been made.

Arrests made .....	22
Assault and battery .....	2
Abandoned autos .....	4
Auto violations .....	10
Auto accidents .....	13
Auto transfers .....	99
Auto registrations .....	10
Auto Licenses suspended .....	8
Auto Licenses revoked .....	11
Appeals case to Superior Court .....	3
Cases in Ayer Court .....	23
Collected for beer licenses ..... \$1,760.00	
Complaints against dog .....	26
Complaints against minors .....	94
Complaints investigated cruelty to animals .....	4
Complaints on dead animals left on top of ground .....	8
Complaints on suspicious person .....	16
Camps broken into .....	5
Dog killed by automobiles .....	9
Dog shot .....	8
Duty at public gathering .....	38
Dances .....	18
Driving under the influence of liquor .....	5
Driving so to endanger .....	2
Disturbance of the peace .....	11
Drunkenness .....	12
Driving without licenses .....	3
Fruit thieves .....	3
Family disturbances .....	74
Fires attended .....	12

Fines in Ayer Court .....	\$240.00
Funeral attended .....	25
Idle and disorderly .....	14
Investigations made .....	564
In lockup at town farm .....	18
Jurors .....	5
Breaking and entering in the night time .....	4
Men taken to jail .....	7
Leaving scene after injury to property .....	1
Larceny complaints .....	32
Notices posted .....	14
Public nuisances in beer places .....	82
Pedestrians struck by automobiles .....	4
Petty complaints .....	642
Summonses and notices served .....	64
Warrant served .....	17
Electric wires down on street .....	9
Lay watching in different places .....	21
Inspection of camps weekly in the winter time .....	104
Malicious injury to property .....	7
Patients taken to Gardner State Hospital .....	3
Lewdness and lascivious behavior .....	2

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, Court Officers, Officer Connell, and the other Special Officers of the Town of Westford, for their advice, cooperation and assistance during the year past.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SULLIVAN,

Chief of Police.

## JURY LIST—1943

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Address</i>
Abrahamson, Harry B.	Truck Driver	Francis Hill Road
Beebe, Walter O.	Machinist	Broadway St.
Boisvert, Romeo	Salesman	Canal St.
Buckshorn, Fisher	Orchardist	Depot St.
Carpentier, Clifford G.	Core Maker	River St.
Cavanagh, Norman C.	Millhand	Prescott St.
Chandonait, Homer O.	Die Maker	Concord Rd.
Connell, Harold F.	Wool Sorter	Prescott St.
Costello, Joseph F.	Wool Sorter	Pershing St.
Crickett, Joseph H.	Stationary Fireman	14 Pershing St.
Curley, Thomas	Welding Supply Dealer	Boston Rd.
Dailey, Edward	Salesman	Lincoln St.
DeLaHaye, Edmund	Painter	Prescott St.
Dennechuk, Peter	Millhand	Broadway St.
Doucette, Victor G.	Truck Driver	River St.
Dunigan, Paul L.	Clerk	Fourth St.
Flanagan, Charles. Sr.	Machinist	Prescott St.
Fletcher, Walter N.	Insurance Agent	Main St.
Gelinas, Wilfred	Mill Operator	Main St.
Gower, Thomas W.	Chauffeur	Main St.
Greig, John S.	Funeral Director	Main St.
Holmes, Arthur	Wool Sorter	Broadway St.
Holt, Donald	Machinist	Pond St.
Hunt, Edmund J.	Retired	Prescott St.
Ingalls, Frank G.	Machinist	Brookside Rd.
Johnstone, Thomas	Farmer	Lowell Rd.
Jones, George F.	Janitor	Brookside Rd.
Kane, Lawrence	Wool Sorter	Pleasant St.
Kavanagh, William J.	Painter	Palermo St.
Kelly, John W.	Wool Sorter	Abbot St.
Kelly, Thomas J.	Foreman	Pershing St.
LeDuc, Francis A.	Chauffeur	River St.
LeDuc, Henry A.	Checker	Third St.
Mann, Clarence W.	Farmer	Flagg Rd.
McIntosh, John	Millhand	Concord Rd.
Menard, Guy M.	Millhand	Pine St.
Milot, Charles	Second Hand	Pine St.
Milot, Donat	Mill Operator	Bradford St.
McCarthy, Thomas	Machinist	Broadway St.

McDonald, Alex	Farmer	Concord Rd.
Oliphant, Vernon L.	Mill hand	Pleasant St.
Payne, J. Henry	Wool Sorter	Broadway St.
Polley, Amos B.	Farmer	Lowell Rd.
Regan, John E.	Millhand	River St.
Robinson, Charles W.	Carpenter	Boston Rd.
Rogers, Edmund D.	Truck Driver	Pleasant St.
Scott, Everett A.	Garageman	Abbot St.
Seavey, Marden H.	Laborer	Main St.
Shea, Herbert	Farmer	Cold Spring Rd.
Spinner, Robert J.	Truck Driver	Boston Rd.
Stepinski, Edward J.	Quarryman	First St.
Stepinski, Henry J.	Draftsman	River St.
Stone, Stanley K.	Carpenter	Concord Rd.
Stuart, Earl	Fireman	Broadway St.
Sundberg, Rupert F.	Printer	Lowell Rd.
StOnge, George	Merchant	Brookside Rd.
Venn, James	Millhand	Palermo St.
Venn, John J.	Wool Sorter	Prescott St.
Wall, Albert R.	Overseer	Broadway St.

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY,

ARTHUR L. HEALY,

CYRIL A. BLANEY,

Selectmen of Westford.

January 4, 1944

## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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To the Citizens of the Town of Westford:

I herewith present my 1st Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with the General Laws.

All are reminded that all my books are open to the public for inspection at any time.

### RECEIPTS

#### General Revenue

##### Taxes:

##### Current Year:

Poll .....	\$ 1,546.00	
Personal .....	14,172.30	
Real Estate .....	104,559.05	
		<hr/> \$120,277.35

##### Previous Years:

Poll .....	\$ 92.00	
Personal .....	656.95	
Property .....	17,690.27	
		<hr/> \$ 18,439.22

Tax Title Redemption ..... 2,979.60

##### From State:

Corporation Tax .....	\$ 26,162.19	
Income Tax .....	17,465.00	
		<hr/> \$ 43,627.19

##### Permits and Licenses:

Liquor .....	\$ 1,957.26	
All Other .....	99.00	
Permits .....	29.00	
Milk Permits .....	12.50	
		<hr/> \$ 2,097.76

##### Fines:

Court .....	\$ 170.20	\$ 170.20
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##### Grants and Gifts:

##### From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance .....	\$ 14,000.94	
Aid to Dependent Children ....	2,123.91	
		<hr/> \$ 16,124.85

Victory Tax .....	5,582.39
From State:	
Vocational Tuition .....	\$ 1,244.84
Chapter 81, Roads .....	10,561.38
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax ....	776.86
	<hr/> \$ 12,583.08
From County:	
Dog Licenses .....	\$ 521.73
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:	
Current year .....	\$ 5,657.75
Previous year .....	464.88
	<hr/> \$ 6,122.63
Departmental Revenue:	
General	
Collector .....	\$ 24.25
Town Hall .....	83.60
	<hr/> \$ 107.85
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department .....	\$ 26.30
Fire Department: Rent .....	39.68
Sealer .....	45.70
	<hr/> \$ 111.68
Highways:	
State .....	\$ 2,999.67
County .....	2,434.24
	<hr/> \$ 5,433.91
Highway Machinery Fund .....	\$ 2,554.51
Highway, all other .....	23.25
Welfare:	
Infirmary .....	\$ 5,657.51
Temporary Aid	
State .....	63.85
City and Town .....	874.04
Aid to Dependent Children	
State .....	3,011.67
Old Age Assistance	
State .....	12,376.64
Cities and Towns .....	61.71
	<hr/> \$ 22,045.42

Soldiers' Benefits:

State Aid .....	\$	175.00	
Military Aid .....		240.00	
Soldiers' Burials .....		40.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 455.00

Schools:

Tuition .....	\$	431.66	
Lunches .....		679.75	
All other .....		4.58	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,115.99

Library:

Fines .....	\$	47.95	
From Bank general funds.....		26.19	
		<hr/>	\$ 74.14

Whitney Playground from General

Fund .....	\$	105.00	
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Cemeteries:

Lot Care .....	\$	420.00	
Opening Graves .....		248.00	
Miscellaneous .....		16.40	
		<hr/>	\$ 684.40

Interest:

Deferred Taxes .....	\$	774.69	
Metcalf Monument Fund .....		76.25	
Tax Titles .....		26.60	
		<hr/>	\$ 877.54

Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue .....	\$	60,000.00	
Anticipation of Reimbursement .....		15,000.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 75,000.00

Agency and Trust:

Agency

County, Dog Licenses .....	\$	540.60	
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Trust:

Perpetual Care .....	\$	1,250.00	
Interest .....		182.50	
Transferred to Bonds from Bank .....		31,034.23	
Metcalf Monument Funds .....		1,382.09	
Solomon Hymans .....		300.00	
		<hr/>	\$34,148.82

Refunds:

Departmental .....	\$	623.95	
Tax Titles .....		7.50	
All Other .....		15.76	
		<hr/>	\$ 647.21
Tailings .....			18.80
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Total .....			\$372,470.12
Balance on Hand .....			70,863.83
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			\$443,333.95

EXPENDITURES

General Government:

Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$	670.00	
Stationary and Advertising ....		39.23	
		<hr/>	\$ 709.23

License Expenses:

Stationery and Advertising .....	\$	39.32	
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Town Treasurer:

Salary .....	\$	900.00	
Stationery .....		151.92	
Bond and Insurance .....		147.50	
All Other .....		23.97	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,223.39

Tax Title Expense .....	\$	95.96	
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Town Accountant:

Salary .....	\$	900.00	
Stationery .....		37.93	
All Other .....		33.79	
		<hr/>	\$ 971.72

Tax Collector:

Commission .....	\$	1,092.28	
Legal Services .....		33.80	
Printing and Stationery .....		227.57	
Bond and Insurance .....		222.00	
Advertising .....		5.25	
All Other .....		70.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,650.90

Assessors:

Wages .....	\$	850.55	
Clerk .....		217.00	
Legal Service .....		65.50	
Stationery .....		6.90	
All Other .....		10.60	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,150.55

Town Counsel:

Legal Services .....	200.00
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Town Clerk:

Salary .....	\$ 250.00
Recording Fees .....	118.50
Printing and Stationery .....	33.31
All Other .....	22.00
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	\$ 423.81

Registration and Election:

Registrars, Wages .....	\$ 303.25
Election Officers, Wages .....	92.00
Printing and Stationery .....	78.72
Listing .....	94.50
Rent .....	10.00
Repairing Booths .....	12.50
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	\$ 590.97
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	\$ 7,055.85

Town Hall:

Janitor .....	\$ 1,017.00
Fuel .....	650.42
Light .....	115.20
Janitor's Supplies .....	28.13
Repairs .....	307.63
Water Rates .....	17.12
All Other .....	33.82
Telephone .....	131.01
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	\$ 2,300.33

Protection of Persons and Property:

Compensation Insurance .....	\$ 802.53
Fire Insurance .....	2,925.59
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	\$ 3,728.12

Police Department:

Salaries .....	\$ 4,400.00
Special Officers .....	180.60
Auto .....	450.00
Auto Upkeep .....	253.68
Gasoline .....	345.24
Insurance .....	70.93
Equipment .....	100.45
Telephone .....	127.99
Street Marking .....	349.10

All Other .....	106.29	
Rent .....	48.00	
Conversion Car .....	195.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,627.28

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 1,812.45
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Apparatus:

Truck .....	\$ 3,680.00
Upkeep .....	1,263.66
Gasoline .....	112.22
Insurance .....	443.73
Fire Alarm System .....	191.45
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	\$ 5,691.06

Other Expense:

Building Upkeep .....	180.06
Telephone .....	66.66
Fuel and Light .....	538.13
Janitor .....	45.00
Water .....	15.92
Oil .....	73.50
All Other .....	143.08
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	\$ 1,062.35

Hydrants .....	3,290.00
Permanent Man .....	500.00
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\$ 12,355.86

Sealer of Weights and Measures ....	\$ 109.95
Game Warden .....	\$ 75.00

Forestry:

Moth Department:

Labor .....	\$ 459.79
Equipment .....	84.01
Arsenate of Lead .....	356.20
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	\$ 900.00
Trimming of Trees .....	\$ 500.00

Forest Fires:

Labor .....	\$ 962.89
Transportation .....	12.40
All Other .....	20.66
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	\$ 995.95
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	\$ 2,395.95

Health Department:

Administration .....	\$ 35.00
Office Supplies .....	40.50
Contagious Diseases:	
Medical .....	58.00
Reimbursement .....	42.71
Tuberculosis, Board & Treatment .....	8.75
Nurse, Salary .....	1,383.62
Auto, Upkeep .....	333.74
Dentist .....	348.36
Dump Labor .....	208.00
Milk Inspection .....	50.00
Liquor Inspections .....	28.00
Camp Inspection .....	42.00
Insurance .....	24.15
All Other .....	60.82
Cattle Inspector .....	150.00

\$ 2,813.65

Street Lights, Current .....

\$ 6,930.00

Highway Department:

Snow and Ice Removal:

Wages .....	\$ 2,984.00
Trucks .....	312.40
Repairs and Upkeep .....	28.37
Gas and Oil .....	25.90
Salt .....	216.00
Sand .....	91.95

\$ 4,158.62

Town Roads:

Material .....	\$ 25.50
Sand .....	27.60
Stone .....	3.50
Stationery .....	3.50

\$ 62.60

Chapter 81 Roads:

Wages .....	\$ 8,070.60
Expenses .....	1,807.13
Town Equipment .....	1,543.13
Hired Equipment .....	1,300.60
Shovel, Grader & Air Compres.	
Pipe, Cement, Brick .....	685.85
Gravel and Sand .....	333.85
Bituminous Products .....	3,585.76
Stone .....	2,528.34
Brick and Cement .....	942.72

\$ 19,254.85

## Chapter 90 Roads

Wages .....	\$ 2,282.43	
Expenses .....	19.00	
Town Equipment .....	591.38	
Hired Equipment .....	445.00	
Grader, Mass. broken stone box		
Stone .....	2,426.62	
Bituminous Products .....	2,966.96	
Gravel .....	267.61	
		\$ 8,999.00

## Machinery Account:

Fuel .....	\$ 701.86	
Repairs and Upkeep .....	1,474.31	
Garage .....	278.81	
Insurance, Steam Roller Boiler	16.40	
All Other .....	19.97	
Supplies .....	150.90	
Heater, for patching .....	44.61	
Plow .....	175.00	
		\$ 2,861.86

Fleet Insurance .....	159.01	
		\$ 35,495.94

## Welfare Department:

Salary and Wages .....	\$ 1,069.09	
Stationery and Postage .....	57.97	
Other Expenses .....	238.84	
Infirmery (See Welfare Report)	8,528.12	
Outside Relief by Town .....	2,411.06	
Aid to Dependent Children ....	5,669.28	
Old Age Assistance .....	29,915.96	
		\$ 47,890.32

## Soldiers' Benefits:

Administration .....	\$ 243.00	
Military Aid .....	80.00	
World War No. 2 .....	10.00	

## Soldiers' Relief—

Cash .....	816.00	
Provisions .....	135.00	
Rent .....	55.00	
Medical .....	109.00	
		\$ 1,448.00

# Schools:

## Administration:

Superintendents .....	\$ 2,693.85	
Clerk .....	129.80	
Printing and Stationery .....	94.84	
Telephone .....	182.17	
Travel .....	20.00	
Census .....	96.47	
Water .....	123.98	
All Other .....	102.89	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,444.00

## Teachers:

Academy .....	\$ 14,255.64	
Elementary .....	32,435.06	
Writing .....	675.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 47,365.70

## Text Books and Supplies:

Academy .....	\$ 1,231.14	
Elementary .....	1,535.14	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,766.28

Tuition and Transportation .....	\$ 281.59	
Transportation .....	7,123.00	
Janitors .....	6,798.56	

## Fuel and Light:

Academy .....	\$ 1,389.45	
Elementary .....	2,650.77	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,040.22

## Maintenance and Buildings:

Academy .....	\$ 5,088.52	
Elementary .....	1,488.86	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,577.38

## Furniture and Fixtures:

Academy .....	\$ 236.67	
Elementary .....	136.14	
	<hr/>	\$ 372.81

Graduation .....	\$ 345.05	
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## Medical:

Salary and Supplies .....	345.00	
Athletics .....	139.11	
Water .....	132.22	
All Other .....	102.04	
	<hr/>	\$ 79,832.96
Vocational Tuition .....		\$ 270.00

Public Library:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 1,272.46	
Books and Periodicals .....	922.19	
Binding .....	22.27	
Fuel and Light .....	649.16	
Transportation of Books .....	30.00	
Building Maintenance .....	122.51	
Telephone .....	23.11	
Other expenses .....	7.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,049.40

Whitney Playground:

Labor .....	\$ 325.60	
Supplies .....	82.61	
	<hr/>	\$ 408.21

Metcalf Monument:

Labor .....	\$ 29.21	
Purchased Bonds .....	1,563.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,592.29

Town Common, Labor, etc. ....	\$ 208.22
Damage to Common .....	475.82
Band Concerts .....	400.00
Publishing of Town Reports .....	635.80
Memorial Day .....	269.12
Home Economics .....	10.00
Whitney Shade Tree Fund Income	35.30

W. P. A. Lunch:

Administration .....	\$ 185.00	
Labor .....	235.35	
Provisions .....	72.36	
Fuel .....	38.60	
Supplies .....	34.62	
Trucking .....	95.02	
Medical .....	15.00	
Other .....	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 677.45

Public Safety:

Rationing Salaries .....	\$ 1,069.38	
Tower .....	90.76	
Report Center .....	201.08	
Rationing Phone .....	201.08	
Rationing Rental .....	190.86	
Rationing Supplies .....	176.83	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,929.99

Cemeteries:

Administration .....	\$	76.35		
Labor .....		1,721.20		
Equipment .....		214.89		
			\$	2,012.44

Interest:

Loans .....		209.03		
General Loans .....		243.50		
Trust Loans .....		245.00		
			\$	697.53

Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue .....	\$	60,000.00		
General Loans .....		3,900.00		
Anticipation of Reimbursement .....		15,000.00		
			\$	78,900.00

Outstanding Bills .....			\$	1,088.42
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Agency and Trust:

Agency:

State Taxes .....	\$	4,228.22		
County Taxes .....		5,329.15		
T. B. Hospital .....		1,232.52		
Dog Licenses .....		540.60		
			\$	11,330.49

Trust:

Cemetery Perpetual Care .....	\$	200.00		
Purchased Bonds .....		32,084.23	32,284.23	43,614.72

Refunds:

Taxes .....	\$	140.40		
Excise Taxes .....		42.80		
			\$	183.20

Victory Taxes .....			\$	5,582.39
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\$351,099.51

# TOWN OF WESTFORD

## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Bank .....

Accounts Receivable:

1942 Personal Taxes .....	\$ 231.87
1942 Real Estate Taxes .....	6,029.96
1942 Excise Taxes .....	2.00
1943 Poll Taxes .....	96.00
1943 Personal Taxes .....	443.52
1943 Real Estate .....	13,153.39
1943 Excise Taxes .....	714.11

Tax Title Account .....

\$ 20,670.85  
\$ 1,334.22

Departmental:

Temporary Aid .....	\$ 1,555.90
Infirmary .....	1,068.15
Aid to Dependent Children .....	16.69
Old Age Assistance .....	263.02
Burial Deceased Soldiers ....	100.00
Cemetery Department .....	203.00

\$ 3,206.76

State Aid to Highways .....

County Aid to Highways .....

State and County Taxes .....

\$ 1,756.15  
565.76  
273.15

### LIABILITIES

Tax Title Revenue .....

Overlays:

1941 .....	\$ 102.07
1942 .....	287.48
1943 .....	873.09

Overlay Reserve .....

Excise Tax Revenue .....

Department Accounts Receivable ....

Loans in Anticipation of Reim-

bursement .....

Tailings Account .....

Compensation Insurance .....

Power Grader .....

Highway Equipment .....

Machinery Fund .....

Federal Aid to Depend. Children .....

Federal Aid to Depend. Children .....

Administration .....

Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....

State Aid to Highway .....

Chapter 81 .....

Whitney Playground Fund .....

63.84  
9.77  
1,375.00  
2,611.11  
21.71

15,000.00  
51.20  
589.21  
5,750.00  
1,009.88  
2,773.43  
170.00

1,262.64  
2,155.28  
679.07  
3,216.76

	Metcalf Monument Fund .....	14.46
\$120,041.33	W. P. A. Lunch .....	409.36
	Public Safety Committee .....	410.85
	Cemetery Lots, Sales .....	30.00
	E. & D. ....	81,103.54
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		\$120,041.33

#### DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt .....	\$ 10,000.00	Graniteville School Loan .....	\$ 1,000.00
		Frost School Loan .....	9,000.00
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	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00

#### TRUST ACCOUNT

Trust Funds .....	\$ 53,969.19	Library Funds .....	\$ 11,706.08
		E. F. Fletcher Lecture Fund .....	2,000.00
		Whitney Playground Fund .....	10,000.00
		Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....	2,500.00
		Metcalf Monument Fund .....	1,300.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	25,050.00
		Lyman Wilkins Cemetery Fund .....	1,413.11
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	\$ 53,969.19		\$ 53,969.19

Income .....	\$ 8,667.00
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	\$ 8,667.00

Library Fund, Income .....	\$ 429.04
E. F. Fletcher Lecture Fund, Inc. ....	985.24
Whitney Playground Fund, Inc. ....	552.10
Whitney Shade Tree Fund, Inc. ....	430.51
Metcalf Monument Fund, Inc. ....	451.60
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, Inc. ....	5,753.62
Lyman Wilkins Cemetery Fund, Inc. ....	64.89
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	\$ 8,667.00

Respectfully submitted,

GENEVIEVE A. HEALY,

Town Accountant.

## REPORT OF THE STATE AUDITOR

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Mr. Theodore N. Waddell  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Westford for the period from August 2, 1942, the date of the previous examination, to July 12, 1943, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town accountant and the treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded on the ledger were checked with the records of the several departments making payments to the treasurer and with the treasurer's books, while the recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants issued by the selectmen and with the treasurer's cash book. The appropriations and transfers as recorded on the ledger were checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings and the authorizations of the finance committee.

The necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of July 12, 1943. The balance sheet indicates that the town is in very good financial condition.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records in the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds. The cash balance on July 12, 1943, was proved by reconciliation of the banks balances and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing trust fund investments in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed.

The income was proved and the withdrawals were checked with the receipts as entered in the treasurer's cash book.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the tax titles redeemed were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles on hand were listed and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of sporting and dog licenses were examined, the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game being verified by comparison with the receipts on file and the payments to the town treasurer being compared with the treasurer's cash book.

The accounts of the public welfare, library, and cemetery departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and accountant's books.

The surety bonds of the various town officials required to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet referred to, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and collector's cash, together with summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the trust fund transactions.

For the cooperation extended by the various town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,  
Assistant Director of Accounts.

# TOWN OF WESTFORD

## Balance Sheet — July 12, 1943

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash:		Temporary Loans:	
In Banks and Office .....	\$ 88,932.88	In Anticipation of Revenue 1943 .....	\$ 60,000.00
Accounts Receivable:		In Anticipation of Highway Reimbursement .....	15,000.00
Taxes:			
Levy of 1941:		Victory Tax Deduction .....	\$ 75,000.00
Poll .....	\$ 4.00	Dog Licenses—Due County .....	693.59
Property .....	3,210.11		82.80
Levy of 1942:		Trust Fund Income:	
Poll .....	24.00	Metcalf Monument Fund .....	\$ 17.46
Personal .....	434.21	Whitney Shade Tree Fund ...	9.77
Real Estate .....	10,354.54		
Levy of 1943:		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund ..	27.23
Poll .....	1,006.00	Cemetery Sale of Lots and Grave Fund .....	1,550.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Road Machinery Fund .....	30.00
Levy of 1942 .....	\$ 92.28	Federal Grant—Aid to Dependent Children—Administration .....	773.92
Levy of 1943 .....	1,026.54	Tailings .....	63.84
		Unexpended Appropriation Balances .....	51.20
Tax Titles .....	1,118.82		
	2,984.53		126,264.19

Departmental:

Infirmary .....	\$ 390.92
Temporary Aid .....	1,190.05
Aid to Dependent Children .....	16.69
Old Age Assistance .....	131.99
Military Aid .....	280.00
War Allowances .....	175.00
Soldiers' Burials .....	100.00
Cemetery .....	241.00
State Aid to Highways .....	2,525.65
County Aid to Highways .....	16,487.70
Revenue 1943 .....	3,000.00
Less Estimated Receipts .....	
Collected .....	41,505.46
	152,108.75

Overdrawn Accounts:

Memorial Day .....	\$ 19.12
Aid to Dependent Children— Federal Grants .....	535.99
Old Age Assistance — Federal Grants .....	1,343.60
	1,898.78
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	\$284,089.90

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus ..

Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:	
Levy of 1941 .....	\$ 882.36
Levy of 1942 .....	732.90
	1,615.26
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes ....	\$ 1,118.82
Tax Title .....	2,984.53
Departmental .....	2,525.65
State and County Aid to High- ways .....	4,487.70
Surplus Revenue .....	11,116.70
	64,665.89

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\$284,089.90

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt .....	\$ 12,000.00	Graniteville School Loan .....	\$ 1,000.00
		Frost School Loan .....	11,000.00
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	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00

## TRUST ACCOUNTS

### Trust Funds—Cash and Securities:

Principal .....	\$ 53,569.19	Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....	\$ 10,000.00
Income .....	8,414.27	Library Trust Funds .....	11,706.08
		Emily Fletcher Library Lecture Fund .....	2,000.00
		Metcalf Monument Fund .....	1,300.00
		Lyman E. Wilkins Cemetery Fnd .....	1,413.11
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....	24,650.00
		Whitney Playground Fund .....	2,500.00
			\$ 53,569.19
		Whitney Shade Tree Fund Income \$ .....	529.40
		Library Trust Funds Income ....	401.69
		Emily Fletcher Library Lecture Fund Income .....	985.24
		Metcalf Monument Fund Income .....	432.27
		Lyman E. Wilkins Cemetery Fund Income .....	64.71
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds Income .....	5,524.08
		Whitney Shade Fund Income ....	476.88
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			8,414.27
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			\$ 61,983.46

\$ 61,983.46

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943:

The various companies responded to 30 alarms other than forest fires; namely, 10 buildings, 8 chimney fires, 4 autos, 1 tent, 3 silent alarms, 2 calls searching for lost people, 1 out of town and 1 false alarm. 49 alarms for forest fires were answered making a total of 79 calls.

The following repairs were made to the various trucks: The rear steps on both the Graniteville and Forge Village trucks were in a dangerous condition. New rear steps were added to both trucks and other minor changes were made making more efficient pieces of apparatus and enabling us to carry our equipment to better advantage.

The Ford truck in Westford was remodeled for carrying the forestry equipment. Previously part of third equipment, including the portable pump and part of the forestry hose were left on the fire house floor and if needed, arrangements had to be made to transport it to the fire. A small booster pump and tank were installed thus equipping every truck with a pump and water tank. This brings the water carrying capacity of all the trucks to approximately 1500 gallons. We have found this to be very effective outside the water district. It is also a great advantage to have water available immediately within the water district.

We now feel that the trucks are all in A-1 condition and unless something unforeseen arises, the cost of maintenance should be greatly reduced.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND ROGERS

HAROLD WRIGHT

RICHARD HALL

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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As usual my work has been removing dead trees from the roadside and removing broken limbs from others.

I would again suggest that some maple trees be set out on Depot Street.

The ice storms of last winter have left the trees in a bad condition with loss of broken limbs which should be taken care of. I suggest the sum of \$1200 be appropriated for taking care of them.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. NESMITH,

Tree Warden.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

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There were no grass or brush fires of any size this year. 220 Fire Permits were issued.

Fire Permits must be obtained for Fires in the open throughout the year unless the ground is covered with snow.

The usual appropriation of \$1000 is asked for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO R. LARKIN,

Forest Warden.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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Balance on hand January 1, 1943 .....	\$ 70,863.83
Total Receipts to December 31, 1943 .....	372,470.12
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	\$443,333.95
Balance on hand December 31, 1943 .....	\$ 92,234.44
Total payments to December 31, 1943 .....	351,099.51
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	\$443,333.95

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE P. GREIG,

Treasurer.

## REPORT OF FISH AND GAME WARDEN

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I hereby submit my annual report as Fish and Game Warden for the Town of Westford.

Following you will find the fish and game allotted to the Town of Westford.

Mar. 13—Long Sought For Pond—500 Rainbow Trout, 2 years old  
Apr. 9—Nashoba Brook—600 Brook Trout, 1 year old  
Oct. 5—Long Sought Pond section—6 Cock Pheasants  
Oct. 5—Parkerville section south—10 quail  
Oct. 8—Parkerville section south—6 Hen Pheasants  
Oct. 8—Parkerville section north—6 Hen Pheasants  
Oct. 8—Bear Hill section—5 Hen Pheasants

I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for the sincere cooperation you have accorded me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND L. PROVOST,

Game Warden.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford, I submit the following report for 1943:

Number of Platform Scales over 10,000 lbs. ....	3
Number of Platform Scales under 5000 lbs. ....	35
Number of Counter Scales under 100 lbs. ....	14
Number of Spring Scales over 100 lbs. ....	12
Number of Spring Scales under 100 lbs. ....	23
Number of Computing Scales under 100 lbs. ....	9
Number of Weights Sealed .....	125
Number of Liquid Measures, Sealed .....	10
Number of Gasoline Meters Sealed .....	16
Number of Gasoline Pumps .....	3
Number of Kerosene Pumps Sealed .....	4
Number of Quantity Measures on Pumps .....	15
Number of Grease Pumps .....	4
Total .....	273

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

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### YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1943

Value of Buildings, January 1, 1943 .....	\$2,493,705.00
Value of Land, January 1, 1943 .....	776,905.00
Value of Personal Estate, January 1, 1943 .....	407,340.00
 Total Valuation .....	 \$3,677,950.00

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1943

Annual Town Meeting, February 8, 1943 .....	\$199,165.76
Special Town Meeting, May 4, 1943 .....	195.00
 Total Appropriated .....	 \$199,360.76
Rescinded from Annual Meeting, May 4, 1943 .....	3,634.55
 Balance .....	 \$195,726.21
State Taxes .....	4,233.27
County Taxes .....	6,283.47
1943 Overlay Fund .....	2,267.51
 Total to be Raised .....	 \$208,510.46
Total Estimated Receipts .....	73,992.26
 Total Amount to be Raised on Polls, Property .....	 \$134,518.20
Total Excise Tax Commitments .....	\$6,445.79
 Tax Rate per Thousand.....	 \$36.00
 Number of Polls .....	 1,056
Number of Horses .....	58
Number of Cows .....	335
Number of Neat Cattle .....	102
Number of Swine .....	365
Number of Sheep .....	43
Number of Fowl .....	29,850
Number of Acres of Land .....	18,000
Number of Dwelling Houses .....	1,214

# ABATEMENTS

	Poll	Property	Excise
1941 .....	\$ 2.00	\$449.54	\$————
1942 .....	22.00	94.19	76.99
1943 .....	498.00	580.96	112.65
Tax Title .....		1,000.00	

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. HARRINGTON

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER

Assessors of Westford

January 12, 1944.

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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I herewith submit my annual report as Tax Collector for the Town of Westford for the year ending Dec. 31, 1943.

Any questions in regard to the assessments of taxes should be presented to the local Board of Assessors.

	Amount Outstanding	
	Dec. 31, 1943	Dec. 31 1943
1941 Warrant Dated April 1, 1942 Poll .....	\$ 4.00	None
1941 Warrant Dated June 20, 1941 Real Estate	6,701.43	None
1941 Warrant Dated June 20, 1941 Personal Property .....	318.65	None
1941 Warrant Dated Dec. 13, 1941 Excise .....	16.44	None
1942 Warrant Dated June 29, 1942 Poll .....	110.00	None
1942 Warrant Dated Dec. 21, 1942 Poll .....	4.00	None
1942 Warrant Dated June 28, 1942 Real Estate	17,750.25	6,029.96
1942 Warrant Dated Dec. 21, 1942 Real Estate	75.85	None
1942 Warrant Dated June 28, 1942 Personal Property .....	633.78	231.87
1942 Warrant Dated Apr. 2, 1942 Excise .....	53.23	None
1942 Warrant Dated June 29, 1942 Excise .....	48.63	None
1942 Warrant Dated Nov. 3, 1942 Excise .....	239.92	None
1942 Warrant Dated Dec. 21, 1942 Excise .....	154.16	2.00
1942 Warrant Dated Dec. 21, 1942 Excise .....	27.28	None
1943 Warrant Dated May 20, 1943 Poll .....	2,112.00	86.00
1943 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1943 Poll .....	20.00	10.00
1943 Warrant Dated Mar. 17, 1943 Excise .....	1,198.42	11.63
1943 Warrant Dated May 20, 1943 Excise .....	3,926.17	None
1943 Warrant Dated Nov. 26, 1943 Excise .....	1,216.81	634.57
1943 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1943 Excise .....	104.39	67.92
1943 Warrant Dated July 24, 1943 Real Estate	117,741.96	12,710.41
1943 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1943 Real Estate	842.58	442.98
1943 Warrant Dated July 24, 1943 Personal Property .....	14,664.24	443.52
Total Warrants .....	167,964.24	
Total outstanding Dec. 21, 1943 .....		20,670.86

DAVID I. OLSSON,

Tax Collector

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Westford Board of Health submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943:

The Vaccination and Diphtheria Toxoid Clinics were held and well attended. Many parents took advantage of this opportunity to immunize their children against these dread diseases.

The School Dental Clinic re-opened at the beginning of the school year, with Dr. Glenn D. Estabrook of Littleton, Mass., in charge. A routine oral examination of all school children was made and notices of defects were sent home to their parents. Dr. Estabrook spends five hours every Wednesday throughout the school year at the Clinic and any child who cannot attend a private dentist is gladly treated.

In December, 1942, a Tuberculosis Patch Test Program, financed by the Westford Seal Sale Committee, was conducted by the Board, in all the schools. Of the number tested, 58 showed positive reactions and were given free chest X-ray in February of this year. Of the 58 X-rayed just one case of Childhood Tuberculosis was found.

In the spring of 1943, all the employees of the Abbot Worsted Company Mills in Forge Village and Graniteville, who so desired, were given a free chest X-ray. This program was also financed by the Westford Seal Sale Committee.

The milk situation was carefully supervised by the Board and its agents.

Inspection of Liquor Establishments have been made and, as in past years, conditions were found to be good.

In March, the Board received with regret the resignation of Mrs. C. Veronica Meagher, who had faithfully carried on the work of Public Health Nurse for 15 years. Miss Dorothy Healy, a graduate of the Framingham-Union Hospital Training School for Nurses, was appointed to fill this vacancy.

The Board of Health has functioned well during the year receiving the fullest cooperation of all its members. Regular monthly meetings were held and also several special meetings.

DWIGHT W. COWLES, M. D.  
DR. RALPH K. COLEMAN  
CYRIL A. BLANEY, M. D.

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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Dr. Dwight Cowles  
Chairman, Board of Health  
Westford, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Following is the report of the Public Health Nurse from March 1, to December 31, 1943:

Absentees from school visited in their homes .....	95
Children taken home from school because of illness .....	16
Contagious disease cases visited .....	53
Dental Clinic for School Children held weekly at Abbot Hospital in Forge Village	
Dressings, first aid, hypodermic injections .....	141
Home visits .....	160
Nursing visits .....	147
Public Health Meetings attended .....	14
To Pediatric Clinic, Lowell General Hospital .....	7
To Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic, St. John's Hospital .....	2
To Hospitals for Tonsil and Adenoid operations .....	9
To Middlesex County Sanatorium for X-rays .....	26
To Massachusetts General Hospital .....	3
To Pondville State Hospital .....	1
To Lowell General Hospital for observation and treatment	2
To St. John's Hospital Eye Clinic .....	11
To Dr. Brendon Leahey's Office .....	3
To School Physician's Office for treatment .....	5
To McGaunn's Shop .....	3
To Massachusetts State Infirmary .....	1
Board of Health Permits issued	
Milk and Water Specimens collected and sent to Laboratory	
Diphtheria Toxoid Clinics conducted by the Board of Health:	
Number of inoculations, three injections each .....	26
Unfinished cases .....	4
Vaccinations .....	24

### Contagious Diseases Reported to the Westford Board of Health

Chicken Pox .....	3
Dog Bite .....	14
German Measles .....	28

Measles .....	71
Septic Sore Throat .....	1
Scarlet Fever .....	5
Syphilis .....	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	2
Whooping Cough .....	10

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY A. REALY, R. N.

#### EXPENDITURES HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Administration .....	\$ 45.00
Office Supplies .....	48.50
Contagious Diseases	
Medical .....	64.30
Reimbursement .....	38.56
Tuberculosis, Board and Treatment .....	8.75
Nurse, Salary .....	1,378.13
Auto, Upkeep .....	350.08
Dentist .....	324.00
Dental Supplies .....	39.58
Dump, Labor .....	208.00
Milk, Inspections .....	56.00
Inspections .....	208.00
Milk, Inspections .....	56.00
Inspections .....	70.00
Cattle Inspector .....	150.00
All Other .....	32.75
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	\$2,813.65
Balance .....	\$836.35

#### RECEIPTS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Milk Dealer's Permits .....	\$11.50
Pasteurization Permits .....	20.00
Permit to Manufacture Ice Cream .....	5.00
Oleomargarine Permits .....	2.50
Camp Licenses .....	1.50
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	\$40.50

## WESTFORD INFIRMARY APPRAISAL

1	Two Horse Cultivator .....	\$ 27.00
2	One Hay Tedder .....	25.00
3	One Horse Hay Rake .....	20.00
4	One Manure Spreader .....	90.00
5	One Sulky Plow .....	45.00
6	One Power Sprayer .....	60.00
7	One Lime Spreader .....	20.00
8	One Two-Horse Corn Planter .....	50.00
9	Twenty-Five Cords Manure .....	150.00
10	Four Wagons and Two Sleds .....	75.00
11	One Tip Cart .....	25.00
12	One Tractor Harrow .....	55.00
13	One Spring Tooth Harrow .....	10.00
14	One Smoothing Harrow .....	3.00
15	One Fordson Tractor .....	600.00
16	One Tractor Pulley .....	30.00
17	One Tractor Plow .....	100.00
18	One Saw Frame and Two Saws .....	25.00
19	Two One-Horse Cultivators .....	6.00
20	One Two-Horse Mowing Machine .....	40.00
21	Three Chicken Crates .....	2.00
22	One Two-Horse Hoe .....	10.00
23	Two Walking Plows .....	15.00
24	One Two-Horse Disc Harrow .....	35.00
25	One Seed Sower and Weeder .....	35.00
26	One Drag Plank and Head .....	8.00
27	One Gas Tank and Gasoline .....	25.00
28	Lumber .....	150.00
29	Blacksmith Forge and Tools .....	20.00
30	One Root Cutter .....	5.00
31	Twenty Swine .....	325.00
32	One Feed Cooker .....	5.00
33	One Galvanized Tank .....	5.00
34	Wood .....	200.00
35	180 Poultry .....	375.00
36	Three Ladders and Four Stepladders .....	15.00
37	One Land Roller .....	10.00
38	Milk Room Equipment .....	130.00
39	Twelve Cows .....	1,800.00
40	One Bull .....	100.00
41	Two Heifers and One Calf .....	118.00
42	Two Horses .....	300.00
43	35 Tons Ensilage .....	350.00

44	25 Tons Hay .....	600.00
45	One Motor Truck .....	300.00
46	Farm Tools .....	100.00
47	Chains, Eveners, and Whiffletrees .....	35.00
48	Harness and Blankets .....	70.00
49	One Potato Digger .....	65.00
50	One Ensilage Cutter .....	125.00
51	One Corn Harvester .....	100.00
52	One One-Horse Corn Planter .....	15.00
53	One One-Horse Hay Fork .....	25.00
54	Grain .....	45.00
55	Fifteen Grain Bags .....	5.00
56	Block and Tackle .....	7.50
57	Snow Plow .....	5.00
58	One Planet Junior Seeder .....	10.00
59	One Gas Stove .....	3.00
60	Grindstone and Mowing Machine Grinder .....	15.00
61	30 Gallons Motor Oil .....	24.00
62	Two Cross-Cut Saws .....	7.50
63	Carpenter's Tools .....	35.00
64	Garden Hose and Lawn Mower .....	12.00
65	Fire Hose and Nozzle .....	56.00
66	Work Shop Materials .....	10.00
67	Brooder Equipment .....	15.00
68	One Electric Drill .....	30.00
69	17 Tons Soft Coal .....	158.55
70	Milk Separator .....	65.00
71	Platform Scales .....	15.00
72	100 Gallons Fuel Oil .....	10.50
73	4 Bags Fertilizer .....	5.00

#### HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT

Superintendent's Furniture .....	350.00
Kitchen and Pantry .....	675.00
Inmates Furniture .....	375.00
Contents of Attic .....	60.00
Canned Goods and Empty Jars .....	280.00
Provisions .....	130.00
Potatoes .....	215.00
Blankets, Sheets, and Towels .....	130.00
Dry Goods .....	85.00
Stock and Farm Equipment .....	\$ 7,462.55
Household Equipment .....	2,300.00

JOHN E. REGAN,  
FRED R. BLODGETT,  
MARYGEN SOCHA.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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The Board organized for the year 1943 with William L. Wall, Chairman, Samuel A. Richards, Secretary, and Reginald Blowey re-elected as third member.

The W. P. A. Surplus Commodities were discontinued in February, 1943 at the Infirmary as the case load did not warrant this service any longer.

As a result of the new legislation passed in 1943 for Old Age Assistance, many changes were made in administrative procedures. The new act provided that individual assistance payments should be determined in accordance with budgetary standards established by the State Department. Each case was adjusted to determine need, and payments were made accordingly.

The case load did not increase to a great extent in 1943 remaining much the same as the previous year.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM L. WALL

SAMUEL A. RICHARDS

REGINALD BLOWEY

Board of Public Welfare.

# INFIRMARY CREDITS

Milk .....	\$ 3,592.95	
Eggs .....	522.83	
Potatoes .....	66.45	
Corn .....	27.50	
Beans .....	4.00	
Asparagus .....	62.70	
Other Vegetables .....	11.45	
Hay .....	67.00	
Fowl .....	84.80	
Hogs .....	513.45	
Beef .....	40.00	
Bags .....	23.84	
Wood .....	36.00	
Ensilage .....	26.00	
Calves .....	76.00	
Teaming .....	362.60	
Sawing Wood .....	5.00	
U. S. Treasury .....	2.27	
Boar and Bull Service .....	17.50	
Eastern States Farmers Exchange .....	.76	
Telephone .....	.35	
Use of Harvester .....	9.00	
Board of Inmates .....	1,012.95	
		\$ 6,565.40
Use of Truck—W. P. A. ....	\$ 15.00	
Wood .....	28.00	
Board and Care of Inmates .....	2,944.00	
32 Meals to Men in Lockup .....	16.00	
Clothing, Tobacco, Medical .....	310.97	
		\$ 3,313.97
		\$ 9,879.37

# INFIRMARY DEBITS

Superintendent's Wages .....	\$ 1,288.00
Other Employees .....	801.00
Provisions .....	1,307.71
Dry Goods and Clothing .....	133.50
Eye Glasses .....	6.00
Medical .....	85.50
Tobacco .....	91.97
Newspaper .....	11.25
Ice .....	133.35
Telephone .....	56.90
Soap .....	25.95
Burial .....	100.00
Gas and Electricity .....	142.27
Fuel .....	300.02
Gasoline .....	203.85
Grain .....	2,780.91
Garbage .....	102.90
Sawdust .....	16.05
Milling Lumber .....	12.49
Egg Boxes .....	15.38
Butchering and Curing Meat .....	12.85
Fertilizer .....	108.86
Seed .....	69.00
Pasturing .....	46.00
Blacksmith .....	21.50
Veterinary .....	17.50
Pullets .....	46.88
Truck Insurance .....	41.27
Supplies .....	167.67
Repairs .....	177.11
Painting .....	65.25
Boiler Inspection .....	10.00
Water Bill .....	89.98
Appraisors .....	15.00
Miscellaneous .....	19.65
	<hr/> \$ 8,523.52

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

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This is a report of the work of the Middlesex County Extension Service in the town of Westford for 1943.

Because of war conditions, the Staff of the Extension Service had to devote a great deal of time this year to overhead organization work pertaining to machinery rationing, food distribution orders, farm labor and other regulations, as issued by our Government, and establishing the number of war units on certain farms for Selective Service Boards. An attempt was made to see to it that these regulations were explained and applied to local conditions.

Westford poultrymen have been sent information on price ceilings, the feed situation and other emergency policies; also, they have been sent circular material on up-to-date production practices. They have been advised concerning keeping records, improving ranges, disease control and reducing wastes. Several have been visited concerning specific problems. Mr. Harry Ingalls was the president of the Middlesex County Poultry Association.

Dairy farmers received information on improvement of hay land and pastures by liming and fertilization. Through visits farmers were encouraged to add alfalfa to their seeding mixtures. Reseeding of run out tillable pastures was urged on some farms.

Assistance was given in every way possible in solving the critical labor situation experienced during the harvesting of apples.

Assistance was given the community in organizing Victory Garden programs for the various villages. The Westford Grange cooperated fully in the development of a garden and canning program.

Mrs. George Heathcote was chairman of the Women's Extension Group of Parker Village, meeting in the Community House. The food demonstrations were planned to help homemakers feed their family well under wartime rationing and shortages. "The School Lunch," "Good Homemade Bread" and "Meat Extenders" were the subjects of the demonstrations. Three showings of the Christmas Kit, which included practical gift suggestions, were held in different sections of the town.

Two canning demonstrations gave practical help to both beginners and experienced canners.

There were forty-seven girls and seventy-three boys enrolled in 4-H club activities—canning, gardening, poultry, dairy, pig and handicraft.

Mrs. Clifford Johnson was town chairman and also leader of the girls' clothing club. Other leaders were Miss Eleanor Murphy, Clothing; Mrs. Willard Moore, Canning and Garden; Peter Perry, Handicraft and Garden; Warren Nixon, Poultry; Daniel C. Staples, Garden and Jack Skinner, Handicraft.

The clothing club held a supper and Exhibit at the home of their leader in early June and the canning club exhibited their products at the Grange Fair in October.

Edwin Nixon was awarded \$5.00 for being fifth in the County Poultry Contest sponsored by the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture. He was also a member of the County Junior Poultry Judging Team which placed third at the Boston Poultry Show.

Several boys and girls attend Camp Middlesex.

Bobby Budge represented Hood H at Camp Middlesex candlelight service.

MRS. WARREN NIXON,

Director.

## REPORT OF THE WESTFORD COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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During the year 1943 we have followed along to a certain degree the suggestions of the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety. Our Town was included in several practice blackouts and these were carried out very successfully and without confusion, the Townspeople co-operating to the fullest extent.

The Wardens, the Firemen and Auxiliary Firemen, Police and Auxiliary Police have retained their interest in this Public Safety work and have responded splendidly when called upon. Quite a number who were enrolled in this work have been taken into the service of the U. S. A.

A telephone extension from the Report Center in the Town Hall to the home of Mrs. Hilda Bosworth has been installed so that now we do not have to man the Report Center. Mrs. Bosworth very obligingly offered to take the calls in this way and this resulted in a big relief to the Committee and to the people who previously had given very generously of their time to man the Report Center.

The Report Center is still continued and in the event of a black out or warning signals the Personnel will report there.

Mr. Morris A. Hall, Chairman of Salvage Committee arranged for two collections of tin during the year and the Committee had these drives well organized and the Townspeople again responded splendidly and the results obtained were most satisfactory.

The Salvage Committee is now planning for a collection of waste paper and magazines during January and a collection of clothing for February.

Much good work has been accomplished during the year by the Women of the Town, several classes in home nursing being held in different parts of the town besides continuing their outstanding work in the making of surgical dressings, sewing, knitting, etc.

In regard to our expense for the year 1944 we feel now that it will be very moderate. We therefore are asking for the unexpended balance of the year 1943 and no additional amount, the principal item being for telephones for Report Center and Observation Tower and for heat for the Tower.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE WHITNEY PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

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The activities of this committee the past year have been confined chiefly to the usual supervision of the grounds, the immediate care of which has been in the efficient hands of Mr. John S. Peterson.

The weight of the severe ice storms of last winter broke down the baseball backstop on the playground. This caused unforeseen and considerable expense in order to restore it to its original condition and usefulness.

During the year we increased the hourly wage of the caretaker to conform to the rate paid to other Town employees in similar situations.

As supervisor also of the Whitney Shade Tree Fund expenditures, this committee reports that quite a bit of pruning and cutting was done by the Tree Warden last spring and summer of trees on Depot Street.

Further care should be given to these trees during the coming season.

JOHN FISHER,

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

MORRIS A. HALL,

Whitney Playground Committee

# REPORT OF WESTFORD WATER COMPANY

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1943 .....	\$182,807.22
Additions during the year 1943 .....	00.00
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	\$182,807.22

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 1943 TO DECEMBER 31, 1943

### RECEIPTS

Hydrants .....	\$ 2,940.00
Public Buildings, Playgrounds, etc. ....	389.32
Subscribers .....	16,834.78
Interest, etc. ....	162.03
Service .....	8.00
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	\$ 20,334.13

### EXPENSES

Wages and Salaries .....	\$ 4,622.96
Expense Account and Supplies .....	1,328.99
Electric Power and Light .....	1,657.76
Taxes .....	3,794.37
Depreciation .....	3,318.93
Service .....	158.64
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	\$ 14,881.65

Net Gain for the year ending December 31, 1943	\$ 5,452.48
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WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,

Treasurer.

Westford, Mass.,

January 19, 1944.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss.

Then personally appeared William R. Taylor and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Company to December 31st, 1943, and of the Receipts and Expenditures from January 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943, before me.

FREDERIC A. SNOW,

Notary Public.

## WESTFORD RATIONING BOARD 332

### REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1943

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Reporting the activities of the War Price and Rationing Board for 1943, we saw pretty much a continuation of what was started in 1942.

After two years of operation the different panels function in a well-organized manner.

During 1943 price control was the last panel to be added to the board. This panel consists of Albert J. Burne, Michael Moss crop, and Henry J. Stepinski. The other panels which continue to function have their work divided as follows: Fuel oil panel, James L. Knowlton, William E. Wright, Oliver A. Reeves; Food panel, Moses L. Fecteau, Frederick O. Baker; Tire panel, Edward T. Hanley, John Fisher, Albert J. Burne, Michael Moss crop, and Henry J. Stepinski; Gasoline panel, Edward T. Hanley, John Fisher, William E. Wright, Oliver A. Reeves, and James L. Knowlton; Rubber Boots, Bicycles and Type-writers are passed on by the board as a whole.

Messrs Albert A. Hildreth and William Kavanagh have acted as agents to the Price Control Panel in visiting stores and checking on prices and have been most helpful.

During 1943 Mr. Victor G. Doucette, one of the three original members of the board, entered the Armed Forces of Our Country. His faithful services are much missed by the remaining members of the board.

Mr. Victor Daley has recently been appointed as a member under the heading of Community Service. His duties will be to keep in touch with various activities and changes of the board and to keep the public informed of such changes in the rules and regulations.

The Board meets every Tuesday evening, and anybody desiring to confer with any of the members of the various panels are very welcome at this time.

The clerical force, Mrs. Hilda I. Bosworth and Miss Blanche J. Wilk, devote their entire time to this work, while Mrs. Freda S. Pres-

cott and Miss Gwendolyn M. Walker come in and help out during emergencies. The high school have also been very helpful and cooperative at the various registrations, while Miss Jennie M. Ferguson was especially generous of her time during summer vacation working many hours in getting out the fuel oil rations for the present winter season.

We appreciate very much the cooperation and helpful attitude of the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. HANLEY

JOHN FISHER

WILLIAM E. WRIGHT

OLIVER A. REEVES

JAMES L. KNOWLTON

MOSES L. FECTEAU

FREDERICK O. BAKER

ALBERT J. BURNE

MICHAEL MOSSCROP

HENRY J. STEPINSKI

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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The Westford Cemetery Commissioners submit the following report for the year ending 1943.

Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests amounting to \$26,100.00 have been drawn from the banks and put into "G" bonds with the exception of three accounts which are still in the bank awaiting a sufficient amount to put into a \$500 "G" bond. Interest on "G" bonds is  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  payable semi-annually and run for twelve years. Accumulated interest is in the bank.

We would like to take this opportunity to explain to the Public that, while we have taken in this year \$420 in cemetery lot care, \$248 for grave digging, \$8 for sale of the hearse and \$8.40 as a refund, this money, under the law, has to be turned back into the Treasury, and cannot be used in meeting our yearly expenses. Therefore, all labor, etc. has to come out of our appropriation.

On account of the shortage of labor and the increased price of same we endeavored to do the best we could under the circumstances. There are quite a number who have failed to pay for their lot care and if they would come forward with same it would be of great assistance.

To economize on printing and paper during the war emergency we are omitting a list of cemetery lot care and cemetery perpetual care bequests. Anything concerning same will be found at the Town Hall.

SEBASTIAN B. WATSON, Chairman

FRED R. BLODGETT

AXEL G. LUNDBERG

Cemetery Commissioners

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has held the customary meetings and given all the articles in the warrant careful consideration and recommended the appropriation of the various sums as tabulated below:

Article Appropriation	Voted and Transfrd. 1942	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1944	Recom- mended
General Government:				
Selectmen .....	\$ 750.00	\$ 709.23	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
License Expense .....	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Town Treasurer .....	1,250.00	1,223.30	1,650.00	1,650.00
Town Accountant .....	975.00	971.72	975.00	975.00
Assessors .....	1,200.00	1,150.55	1,400.00	1,400.00
Tax Collector .....	1,750.00	1,650.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
Town Counsel .....				
Tax Title Expense .....	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Town Clerk .....	300.00	95.96	500.00	500.00
Election and Registration .....	700.10	590.97	1,300.00	1,300.00
Town Hall:				
General Expense .....	2,500.00	2,300.33	2,500.00	2,500.00
Police Department:				
General Expense .....	6,375.00	6,083.18	6,375.00	6,375.00
Road Marking .....	350.00	349.10	400.00	150.00
Fire Department:				
General Expense .....	4,885.86	4,885.86	4,500.00	4,000.00
Permanent Man .....	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00

# Article Appropriation

	Voted and Transfrd. 7942	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1944	Recom- mended
Hydrants .....	3,350.00	3,290.00	3,350.00	3,350.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	125.00	109.95	125.00	125.00
Forest Fires .....	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Town Forest .....	1,000.00	995.95	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tree Warden .....	100.00	—	100.00	100.00
Moth Department .....	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Street Lights .....	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
Finance Committee Reserve Fund .....	6,930.00	6,930.00	6,930.00	6,930.00
Outstanding Bills .....	3,000.00	1,724.98	3,000.00	3,000.00
Middlesex County TB Hospital .....	1,088.42	1,088.42	1,500.00	1,500.00
Whitney Playground .....	2,250.00	1,232.52	1,403.78	1,403.78
Band Concerts .....	300.00	408.21	300.00	300.00
Rationing .....	400.00	400.00	400.00	—
Contributory Retirement Service .....	1,700.00	1,638.15	1,200.00	1,200.00
Middlesex County Extension .....	—	—	93.75	93.75
	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
State and County Taxes .....				\$193,768.78
				12,000.00
Estimated Receipts .....				\$205,768.78
				85,000.00
To be Raised by Taxation .....				\$120,768.78

- ART. 4. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 5. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 6. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
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- ART. 8. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 9. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article.
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- ART. 12. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
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- ART. 14. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article.
- ART. 15. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 16. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 17. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 18. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article.
- ART. 19. The Finance Committee does not recommend this article.
- ART. 20. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 21. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 22. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

If the above recommendations of the Finance Committee are adhered to the tax rate will approximate \$34.00 per thousand dollars of valuation. For every appropriation increase of \$1,000.00 the tax rate will increase approximately 28c.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. WRIGHT, Chairman

P. HENRY HARRINGTON

W. OTIS DAY

E. KENT ALLEN

HERFORD N. ELLIOTT

EVERETT SCOTT

Finance Committee.

# TOWN OF WESTFORD

## WARRANT

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss

To the Constables of the Town of Westford in said County,

GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth afore-said, to notify and warn all inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at their several polling places, viz:

Precinct 1. Town Hall, Westford Center.

Precinct 2. Abbot Hall, Graniteville.

Precinct 3. Donnelly's Store, Brookside.

Precinct 4. Abbot Hall, Forge Village.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1944

being the second Monday in said month, at 12:00 o'clock noon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes for the following Officers:

For Three Years

One Selectman

One Member of the Board of Public Welfare

One Assessor

Two Members of the School Committee

One Member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

One Trustee of the Public Library

One Member of the Board of Health

One Town Treasurer

One Tax Collector

For One Year

One Moderator

One Constable

One Tree Warden

All on one ballot.

ART. 1. To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 2. To determine the salary and compensation of elected officers and officials as provided by law.

ART. 3. To appropriate money to meet the costs and expenses of the following departments, officers and purposes:

1. General Government.
2. Town Hall.
3. Police Department.
4. Fire Department.
5. Hydrants.
6. Sealer of Weights and Measures.
7. Fish and Game Warden.
8. Forest Fires.
9. Town Forest.
10. Tree Warden.
11. Moth Department.
12. Health Department.
13. Cattle Inspector.
14. Highway Purposes.
15. Department of Public Welfare.
16. Soldiers' Benefits.
17. School Department.
18. Vocational Tuition.
19. Public Library.
20. Care of Common.
21. Commemoration of Memorial Day.
22. Publishing of Town Reports.
23. Compensation Insurance.
24. Fire Insurance.
25. General Loans.
26. Interest on General Loans.
27. Interest on Revenue Loans.
28. Cemeteries.
29. Street Lights.
30. Finance Committee Reserve Fund.
31. Unpaid bills of previous years.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one

year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agent in any suit or suits which may arise during the current year, with authority to settle and adjust claims or demands for or against the Town, and to employ counsel whenever in their judgment it is advisable so to do; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the purpose of paying the County of Middlesex as required by law, the Town's share of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital as assessed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars, or some other sum, for the care of the Whitney Playground; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the account entitled Excess and Deficiency Account the unexpended balance of the sum appropriated at the annual meeting February 16, 1942, for the purposes set forth in Chapter 81 of the General Laws, and also to transfer to said Account the unexpended balance of the appropriations of prior years for the purpose of carrying on Federal and State Projects commonly called W. P. A. Projects; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred (\$400) Dollars or some other sum, for Band Concerts during the current year; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to rescind that portion of the vote Under Article 15 of the Warrant for the annual meeting February 17, 1941, relating to the housing and use of the Town Sprayer and that said Town Sprayer be placed under the supervision and control of the Board of Selectmen; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of defraying the salaries and expenses of the Ration Board, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Westford Ration Board; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Highway Equipment Account; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action, relating to additional street lights, taken under Article 22 of the Warrant for the annual meeting February 16, 1942; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install seven (7) additional lights on Tyngsborough Road; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Three and 75/100 (\$93.75) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of paying into the Contributory Retirement System the Town's portion of the amount which would have been paid into said Retirement System by former Westford teachers who are now in the military or naval service, all as provided in Section 9 of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941, as amended by Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of purchasing and cancelling outstanding notes of the Town representing the balance due on the Frost School Loan, so called; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three or more persons for the purpose of investigating the advisability of the enactment of new By-Laws, said committee to report its findings and conclusions at the next annual town meeting; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1 of Article 1 of the By-Laws, as amended, by striking out the same and adopting in place thereof the following by-laws:

The annual meeting for the election of Town Officers shall be held on the second Monday of February in each year. The polls shall remain open from 6:30 in the forenoon until 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. All business except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law or the vote of the town are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered after one o'clock on the second Saturday following.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4 of Article 1 of the By-Laws by striking out the same and adopting in place thereof the following by-law:

At any Town meeting held for the transaction of Town business, no action shall be considered legal unless there is a quorum present of thirty-five or more legal voters. No person whose name is not on the list of voters shall be admitted to the floor of the hall, except those who may be invited by the meeting assembled. It shall be the special duty of the police and election officers to enforce this law by use of the check list; but the same shall not apply to the state election, primaries or meetings for the election of Town officers, or to be construed to prohibit press reporters from such admission. The Moderator shall determine the bounds of the floor of the hall.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten (\$10) Dollars and elect a Director, under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, as amended; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift made to it during the year 1943 by the Solomon Hines Fund, Inc.; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use as free cash a sum of money not to exceed fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars, such amount to be approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth, and said sum to be applied in determining the tax rate for the current year 1944; or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at each Post Office in said Westford, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the first meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord 1944.

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY  
ARTHUR L. HEALY  
CYRIL A. BLANEY

Selectmen of Westford

A true copy. Attest:

Constable of Westford.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
OF THE  
*Town of Westford*



**For the Year Ending December 31,**  
**1943**

## ORGANIZATION—SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Frederick W. Gatenby .....	Term expires 1946
Mrs. Dorothy E. Chandler, Secretary .....	Term expires 1946
Clifford J. Courchaine .....	Term expires 1945
Thomas Curley .....	Term expires 1945
Edward C. Buckingham .....	Term expires 1944
James P. Mulligan, Chairman .....	Term expires 1944

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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### SCHOOL TELEPHONES

Tel. Cameron School 542

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Tel. Wm. E. Frost School 230

Tel. Westford Academy 561

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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### SCHOOL NURSE

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Tel. Office 391 Town Hall

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Citizens of Westford,  
Westford, Massachusetts.

I hereby submit my annual report as Chairman of the School Committee for the year 1943:

Mrs. Dorothy Chandler was re-elected to the Board. Mr. Frederick Gatenby was elected to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Albert Forty, whose term expired. Mr. Forty had served on the schoolboard for eighteen years. On behalf of the town, Mr. Forty, may I thank you for your faithful service.

At the first meeting of the board, Mr. James Mulligan was chosen Chairman and Mrs. Dorothy Chandler, Secretary.

Major repair work was concentrated on the Academy building. All people who have visited the building have commented on the improvement, an improvement that can't help making for a better learning environment for our pupils. Details of the repair work may be found in the superintendent's report.

Maintaining a teaching staff in these days, when high school seniors are offered more money to leave school for clerical jobs than teachers are earning, has been a problem. The board has followed the policy of trying to keep proven teachers as far as funds permitted.

We are respectfully asking for the sum of \$79,500.00 with which to operate the public schools during 1944 and \$500.00 for vocational tuition. \$1,400.00 of the \$79,500.00 is listed in the warrant as a special appropriation for the purpose of painting the exteriors of Cameron and Frost Schools. This special appropriation is asked for because it may be impossible to get a satisfactory quality of paint and if this is true, the work may be postponed until a more suitable time. The special appropriation will make it possible to have funds available when it is feasible to paint the buildings.

This year we have received \$6,105.00 from the state as our share of income taxes, \$1,002.96 for tuition and transportation on state wards, \$321.20 from Tyngsboro for tuition and transportation for two pupils, and \$241.88 from the state for vocational tuition. This money like all others received by the town goes directly to the town treasurer and is not available for use by the school department.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. MULLIGAN,

Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Westford School Committee:

It is with much pleasure that I submit my second annual report as Superintendent of the Westford Schools for the past year has been most pleasant in every respect. I am happy to report that I believe our educational efforts are producing significant results in the evolution of our boys and girls from childhood to adulthood.

A year ago I wrote in my annual report that our ideal was to create an environment where the knowledges, skills, habits, attitudes, and appreciations necessary for worthy living could be developed. Have we made any progress toward this ideal? I have asked each principal to report a few instances where growth in any one of the above items was evident. Let's see what they say:

Mr. Bozoian reports:

(1) The war savings program being conducted at Frost School with the co-operation of the local post office has provided many opportunities for pupil growth in knowledges, skills, habits, attitudes and appreciations.

The war savings program is pupil directed. The job of taking the orders for stamps and bonds at the school, the work of compiling orders, the duty of getting the stamps and bonds at the post office and distributing them at school are in the hands of pupils.

When one considers the many skills and attitudes which are developed as a result of this activity, it is most valuable. The responsibility of handling between one hundred and one hundred and fifty dollars per week is one which has been assumed with success by pupils. Almost two thousand dollars was handled by pupils during October, November, and December of 1943. School supervision was limited to checking the work of the pupils.

(2) Recreational experiences are as much a part of our "school living" as arithmetic and spelling. The opportunities these experiences offer for building morale, for developing desirable habits and attitudes as well as skills, are many.

Three outstanding examples of pupil growth resulting from our schools' recreational program were the cases of three large, over grade age boys. One boy suffered from a teacher persecution complex, a second boy had a "bad temper," and a third had a "bad background" up to which he was trying to live.

Although these boys felt the influence of the play program in the previous year, it wasn't until 1943 that very apparent gains were made for all these boys in the growth of their attitudes toward the school, teachers, fellow pupils, and the community. Naturally, other factors must have been involved but the major influence, beyond any doubt, was this supervised play program.

Mr. Perry says:

(1) One of the attributes of a good school system is its ability to share experiences. This was exemplified in a sharing which took place a short time ago between the Sargent and Cameron Schools. The boys and girls in Sargent School were discussing the advisability of forming a Safety Patrol for their school. After much discussion, and through the careful guidance of their principal, Mrs. Wright, they decided to ask the Safety Patrol at Cameron, which had already been organized and was operating successfully, for advice. A meeting was arranged. A committee representing the Sargent School met with the Safety Patrol at Cameron. The significant thing about this meeting was the business-like manner in which these boys and girls went about sharing experience. The Sargent committee asked many questions, such as: Why do we need a safety patrol? What benefits do you get from it? What duties does your patrol perform? etc. A committee of adults couldn't have done better.

Some time later, the pupils of Cameron School decided that they would like to have a School Association similar to the one operating in the Sargent School. The pros and cons were discussed openly at class meetings and it was thought that the best way to finally decide what to do was to send a committee to the Sargent School to study their organization. This committee, representing the four upper grades, was elected and a meeting was arranged to be held in Sargent School. After the meeting, questions concerning the organization, duties and responsibilities of the association were explained to the Cameron pupils. As a result of this meeting a School Association is now operating at Cameron School.

This is a sample of the many ways in which all our schools are not only willing, but eager, to share their experiences with one another for the benefit of the boys and girls in Westford.

(2) For the past few months, the children in the fourth grade at Cameron School have been working busily and enthusiastically on an aviation unit. The purpose is to learn a few simple fundamentals of aviation and to prepare themselves for the coming air age.

They have learned to identify four well-known military planes, and have learned the location and use of some of the parts of airplanes such as the rudder, stabilizers, and fuselage. Notebooks are being made which contain pictures, charts, and stories about the planes we have studied. A miniature airport is set up on the sand table. Here are control towers, searchlights, hangars and a few model airplanes. Later on in the year, the class will study cloud formations and temperature to show how these effect flying.

(3) During the present war emergency there is a shortage of skilled repairmen in all trades. The boys in the manual training class are being trained to do some of these jobs. They have learned to repair electric cords, replace broken glass, fix leaky faucets, as well as make simple articles for the home such as tie-racks, footstools, broom holders, tooth brush holders, bird houses, and flower boxes.

At present the boys are busy working for the Red Cross, making articles such as diet card holders, stupes and stupe wringers, writing boards, and checker boards. The girls under the direction of Miss Brownrigg are making hot water bag covers, hospital bedside bags, and utility bags. The Art Department with Miss Carroll as leader, has made 500 candy and nut cups, and are now working on newspaper bedside bags.

Mrs. Wright says,

(1) The teachers of Sargent School have voted the following instances as being outstanding examples of growth of pupils from the child toward the adult level.

The 1943 graduation exercises were made a whole-school affair. The teachers and pupils were so favorably impressed that requests have been made to carry on the same idea in 1944.

The "Flag Goes-By" was the theme around which songs and tableaux were arranged. The history of the Flag was reviewed from the Red Cross of the Crusaders to Old Glory. Each grade contributed one tableau such as the Landing of the Pilgrims, Betsy Ross, Trading with the Indians, the Spirit of '76, and others in keeping with the

theme. The eighth grade provided the necessary talks to keep the continuity, and the musical background assisted by a chorus from the seventh grade.

I consider this a worthwhile attempt to make Sargent School not *the* school, but *our* school.

(2) Our 1943 Christmas Party was an outstanding educational experience. This party was planned and staged by the children themselves, giving training in finance, co-operation, organization and social conduct.

The program committee of which an eighth grade girl was chairman, provided a varied entertainment, planned to suit all tastes. Dancing held an important place on the program with children in grades five to eight sharing in the fun. Dancing lessons were given after school every day for two weeks previous to the party, so that, on the evening in question, all children had learned to dance and had lost all self-consciousness.

The assembly hall was decorated with evergreen and hand-made decorations of candles and reindeer.

Refreshments were served and Santa Claus appeared to distribute gifts and to wish all a Merry Christmas.

This party was voted by the teachers as being an outstanding event at Sargent School during 1943.

(3) Another fine example of pupil growth is in the case of a Sargent School boy, who, while preparing to play basketball at the Academy, opened an Academy boy's locker. A cola bottle fell out and broke. On his own volition, the boy secured a brush and pan from the janitor, cleaned up the debris and disposed of it, put two cents in the boy's locker, and then reported the incident to the teacher in charge who, up to this point, knew nothing of the incident. One wouldn't ask for better pupil behavior than this.

I am well aware that it takes many cases like the above to form a safe generalization. However, these are indications of a trend that is noticeable in all our schools. Each school is trying to teach more than knowledges and skills important as these may be.

I am also aware that this larger conception of the school's place in the community is one involving much study, much work, often

little immediate success, and many disappointments. To help pupils grow up a teacher must know more than subject matter facts, although she must know these, too. She must know how to apply them, or better yet, to know ways of teaching pupils how to apply them in everyday living.

As has been said above, this involves much study and work. The teacher must concern herself with what her pupils are doing and thinking about when beyond the limits of the classroom. She must make her influence felt at all times. To do this the teacher must have wide knowledge, much professional training, a sympathetic understanding of human weaknesses, the desire to be of service to boys and girls, and a willingness to work.

The obstacles, the disappointments, and the set-backs in this wider program of teaching are many. But there is no other course for the real teacher if she understands the trend of modern society wherein many of the duties and obligations of parents, rightly or wrongly, are now placed on other agencies, one of which is the school.

### THE TEACHING STAFF

The teaching staff has several new members this year. Mr. Ernest Dalton resigned to accept a position in Westbrook Junior College, Westbrook, Maine. Miss Ethel Tewksbury left us to accept work with the American Optical Company. Miss Mary Meehan was married early in the spring and resigned in June. Miss Helen Trainor and Miss Eleanor Murphy resigned to accept positions in Lexington, Massachusetts. To all of you we wish success in your new work.

Miss Carolyn Dutton, a recent graduate of Boston University, and Mrs. Mary Croucher, formerly a teacher at Amherst, Massachusetts were chosen to fill the vacancies in the Academy.

Miss Mary McQuade and Miss Muriel Burke were appointed to the Sargent staff. Miss Catherine Hill was chosen for the Cameron vacancy. All of the above are recent graduates of Lowell Teachers College.

Our teachers are continuing to grow in their willingness to work together to improve their teaching. They are more alert to analyze weaknesses and to finding ways of overcoming them. For our major study problem this year we have arranged a series of teachers meetings to study ways of improving our use of visual aids.

In connection with willingness to work, I wish to commend the elementary teachers on their improvement of playground supervision, and the Academy teachers on their efforts to provide opportunities for pupils to learn. I have never known an Academy staff to show more concern for the welfare of its pupils.

A problem facing our town is teachers' salaries. This is often a controversial question, some saying teachers receive too much and others saying they receive too little. Regardless of how anyone feels, events are happening so fast today that it is impossible to follow any charted course. The following is a brief resume of the situation in Westford regarding teachers salaries.

The school committee took the stand in 1943 that it was poor educational economy to let our schools be a training ground for new teachers. As far as funds permitted they resolved to keep the better teachers.

The financial problem facing the town is whether to support a sound salary policy for teachers or to continue having a relatively large turn over, a turn over that will increase as our older teachers retire. If we have reached the limit of what we can support, then we should all recognize the situation and stop trying to compete for teachers.

To keep our high school staff we have been faced with the problem of paying higher salaries than ever before. Small towns usually hire beginning teachers at relatively low salaries. The number of women graduates available for teaching is almost negligible compared to former years so replacements have been drawn largely from poorer communities. In Westford's case this meant competing with other communities for the services of desirable teachers. This meant that if teachers earning \$1600 left us, we would have had to pay \$1700 or \$1800 to attract replacements below the caliber of present teachers. This was no economy so the school board made every effort to hold proven teachers.

The problem was not so acute in the elementary grades last year. New teachers were available at Lowell State Teachers' College and old teachers showed fine spirit of cooperation by not pressing the salary question. However, we must now face the elementary teacher's salary problem.

State law demands that no teacher be paid less than \$1200. This imposes an additional strain on our inducements for teachers to stay in Westford. For instance, a teacher employed in 1938 at a salary of \$850 might have received annual increases to \$1210 in

1943. New teachers employed in September 1943 received \$1200. It is easy to understand the difficulty of justifying a \$1210 salary to an old teacher and a \$1200 salary to a new teacher. To complicate the situation still further, the highest paid elementary teacher now earns \$1414. This leaves only \$214 as an inducement for new elementary teachers to continue teaching in Westford. Not a very large inducement. Obviously, a greater range of increase is necessary, a range of at least \$400 for all elementary teachers, with teachers of merit receiving more if her services are valuable enough to warrant extra pay.

## MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS

Repairs completed in the Academy.

1. Exterior painted.

All the white trim of the building was given two coats of paint and the gymnasium shingles received two coats of stain. The appearance of the building speaks for itself.

2. Loose plaster replaced in all rooms and corridors. Nearly every room had areas of plaster either dangerously loose or badly cracked. These had to be repaired before painting could be done.

3. Ceilings replaced in part of the basement. Two basement ceilings were in too bad a condition to patch. They were replaced with plaster board.

4. Rooms, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and all corridors redecorated. The rooms were painted in soft pastel shades of blue, green, ivory and cream. The ceilings were whitened and all finish work varnished. Many visitors have commented favorably on the appearance of the rooms.

5. Old principal's office on second floor removed to make a corridor.

Removal of this room opened a corridor on the second floor like that on the first floor. This has made it possible to lock up the laboratory when it is not in use. Formerly the laboratory served as a corridor.

6. All windows and doors repaired.

New cords and parting beeding were repaired where needed.

Panelling and pneumatic door checks were replaced on several doors.

7. Additional radiators installed in Rooms 2, 7, 10, and principal's office.

These rooms are on the north side of the building and have always been hard to heat. On cold days it was often impossible to get them over 55° to 60° in temperature. There has been much less trouble in heating them this year.

8. Lockers set up in classrooms.

The basement locker-rooms were crowded. Placing the lockers in the rooms has relieved the congestion and provided a place where clothing can be kept under proper supervision.

9. Coal bin made dust proof.

The old coal bin was made of boards and was open at the top. The wooden partition was replaced with cement blocks and tile. A door was hung so that the bin could be made tight.

10. Linoleum laid in Rooms 1 and 2.

Room 1 is the superintendent's office. Room 2 is a conference room used for school board meetings, teacher conferences, small classes, etc. As the floors were in poor condition, linoleum was laid in these rooms.

11. Rain gutters and drains repaired.

Originally all the drains from the rain gutters were in the partitions of the building. Several still are. One became blocked last year and froze causing much damage. This was replaced with an outside drain. Other drains in need of repair were reconditioned.

12. Ventillating system in gymnasium completed.

The exit ducts were never put in proper working condition after the freeze-up in the gymnasium several years ago. Fans driven by electric motors have been installed in the exit ducts and as a result, there has been no difficulty in heating the gymnasium this winter.

13. Gymnasium roof re-surfaced.

The old roof was causing trouble by raising up in large bubbles causing leaks. Redecorating the gymnasium was postponed in favor of the new roof.

14. All basement walls, ceilings, and floors painted.

This part of the Academy building was sadly in need of repair. Ceilings were loose, debris of many years had been collected by rats under lockers, and little of the wall surface had ever been painted. To improve the basement rooms, lockers were broken loose and many moved upstairs, and the entire basement cleaned thoroughly and painted white. There is no longer need to be ashamed of this part of the Academy building.

15. Lockers painted.

Many of the lockers were in disrepair and badly rusted. The poorer ones have been discarded and many of the remaining ones painted. Eventually all lockers will be painted.

16. Light fixtures installed in basement rooms.

Fixtures salvaged when fluorescent lighting was installed in the Academy and Sargent School were used. These have added greatly to the basement rooms.

17. Loose stone work repointed.

The mortar had broken loose from the building stone in many places. This was replaced.

Much credit is due Mr. Howard Ferguson, the new janitor, who gave liberally of his time in redecorating the basement rooms. Without his hard work, much would have been delayed for another year.

Repairs completed at Sargent School.

1. The porch floor and steps replaced.

This was necessary as the steps and flooring were badly decayed.

2. Light fixtures installed in toilet rooms.

These fixtures were salvaged when the fluorescent fixtures were installed in the building. The toilet rooms are now well lighted and more attractive.

Repairs completed at Cameron School.

1. Opportunity classroom decorated.

The room was painted throughout and fluorescent lights, bulletin boards, and blackboards were installed. This room is the most attractive classroom in the town.

Repairs completed at Frost School.

1. Supply room shelves enclosed with doors.  
This room has to be used for many purposes. Changing the shelves into closets makes it possible to keep supplies locked up.
2. Ceilings, walls, and floors of all basement rooms painted.  
The walls and ceiling have been painted white and the floors darkstone.
3. A janitor's supply room was built.  
A corner of the basement room was enclosed with wire screen so that the janitor's supplies could be kept properly. A room of this sort has been needed badly in this school for many years.
4. Light fixtures installed in basements.  
These fixtures were a part of those salvaged when fluorescent lights were installed in Sargent School. The improvement in the lighting is outstanding.
5. Rain gutters and drains repaired.  
Several drains had fallen off the building and gutters leaked in several places. These were repaired.

Much credit is due Mr. John Peterson, the janitor, for improving the appearance of the basement rooms. Without his help much of the work in Frost School would have had to be postponed.

Extensive repairs such as those made in 1943 are expensive. They can be justified only if they are needed to preserve the buildings or to aid in the education of our children. A year ago I wrote that school buildings, grounds, and materials contribute in developing knowledges, habits, skills, attitudes, and appropriations and only as they contribute are they worth while.

Is there any evidence that our boys and girls are developing better habits and appreciations as a result of improving the Academy building? Mr. Ferguson, the Academy janitor, says:

1. There is no marking or defacing the building by boys or girls.
2. Boys and girls appreciate the cleanliness of their building, especially the basement rooms, often commenting on their appearance. (I might add here that Mr. Ferguson mops all basement floors daily.)

- 3 Pupils are co-operating willingly in keeping the building clean.

Mr. Brackett, the Academy principal, has said many times:

1. Pupils are proud of their building. Evidence of this is in their comments to one another.
2. The new corridor on the second floor has had a significant influence for good pupil behavior.
3. Much of the improvement in pupil morale is due to a clean, more wholesome building environment.

In these statements one can see the beginnings of better attitudes toward respect for property, toward cleanliness, and one's duty to co-operate with fellows in keeping public property clean and in repair. I do not say the habits are all formed so they will always react rightly but I do say progress has been made and that the present Academy pupils are displaying more respect and pride in their building than I have ever known.

The elementary schools have a good record in caring for their buildings. In every case where the building has been made cleaner and more homelike the problems in teaching children respect for property and pride in their school have been made easier.

#### REPAIR PLANS FOR 1944

Revised painting schedule.

Academy:	Exterior	1943, 1947, 1952.
	Interior	1942, 1943, 1945, 1948.
Cameron:	Exterior	1938, 1944, 1949.
	Interior	1944, 1949.
Frost:	Exterior	1938, 1944, 1949.
	Interior	1946, 1951.
Sargent:	Exterior	1938, 1945, 1950.
	Interior	1942, 1947, 1952.

This year we propose to paint the exterior of Frost School and the exterior and interior of Cameron School. The interior of Cameron School is badly in need of paint. Both Cameron and Frost

Schools were painted in 1938 and if done in 1944, one coat should be sufficient. Because of the impossibility of being sure good quality of outside paint can be secured in 1944, a special appropriation of \$1,400 is being asked to cover the painting of these schools. Then if good quality paint is unobtainable, the funds will be available at some future time when it will be feasible to paint these buildings. It would be foolish to paint them with inferior materials and it would be equally foolish to make no provision for this work so an extensive amount would have to be raised several years hence.

Other major repairs contemplated are improving the coal bins at Sargent and Cameron Schools so coal can be dumped directly from the trucks into the bins. At present it is necessary to handle the coal several times and this is a problem in these days of labor shortages.

#### NABNASSETT SCHOOL

Nabnasset School was closed this year due to the small number of pupils attending there. The school board believed the pupils would be better off educationally in the larger schools and, as there was no increase necessary in bus transportation, the change was made.

#### OPPORTUNITY CLASS

The opportunity class was transferred to Cameron School in September. One of the difficulties in operating the class last year was the lack of association these pupils had with other children. Moving the class to Cameron School eliminates this difficulty and also eliminates extra transportation costs.

The new arrangement is functioning smoothly and the pupils are much happier in their new classroom.

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I wish to thank the Abbot Worsted Company and the C. G. Sargent's Sons Corporation for their generous gifts to the Westford school children.

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May I extend to the teaching staff, the school board, and all citizens my appreciation for their fine co-operation during the past year. Such a spirit of working together is bound to improve our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER V. SWEATT,  
Superintendent of Schools.

# REGISTRATION—WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 1, 1943

School Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
U													
Academy .....									54	39	37	29	159
Wm. E. Frost ....	29	11	15	13	13	16	25	16					138
Sargent .....	35	23	30	22	15	27	24	16					192
Cameron .....	26	25	19	25	23	23	14	18					192
Totals .....	90	59	64	60	51	66	63	50	54	39	37	29	671

## Registration of Minors

October 1, 1943

MINORS BY AGE GROUPS	5-7	7-16	Totals
Girls .....	63	276	339
Boys .....	54	283	337
Totals .....	117	559	676

## CORPS OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER 31, 1943

School	Teachers	Training at	Date of Appointment
CAMERON SCHOOL	Peter F. Perry, B. S., Ed. M. (Prin.)	Hyannis Normal, Boston University	Sept. 1924
	Marion E. Carroll, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Nov. 1936
	Barbara Gray, A. B.	Emmanuel College	Sept. 1941
	Helen A. Johnston, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1942
	Janet L. Kenney, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1942
	Catherine H. Goodwin, B. S. of E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1943
	Louise E. Thompson, B. S., Ed. M.	Lowell Normal-Boston University	Sept. 1922
	Ruth A. Walker	Lowell Normal School	Sept. 1922
	Helen R. Brownrigg, B. S. E.	Salem State Teachers College	Sept. 1942
	K. Merton Bozoian, B. S. E. (Prin.)	Bridgewater State Teachers College	Jan. 1942
WM. E. FROST	Esther T. Burns, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1942
	Shirley M. Coughlin, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Dec. 1940
	Rita H. Miller, B. S. E.	Lowell State Teachers College	Sept. 1939
	Kathleen R. Hammersley, B. A.	D'Youville College	Oct. 1938
	Ruth P. Tuttle	Lowell Normal School	Sept. 1903
NABNASSETT (Closed Sept. 1, 1943)	Phyllis Ethel Boynton, B. S. E.	Hyannis State Teachers College	Oct. 1942
	Helen R. Brownrigg, B. S. E.	Salem State Teachers College	Sept. 1942

SARGENT SCHOOL.....	Ruth L. Wright, (Prin.) .....	Plymouth, N. H. Normal .....	Sept. 1931
	Jean E. Bell .....	Fitchburg Normal .....	Apr. 1930
	Lottie D. Blodgett .....	Framingham Normal .....	Sept. 1916
	Alice M. Cullen .....	Lowell Normal School .....	Nov. 1940
	Ann Harrington .....	Lowell Normal School .....	Sept. 1926
	Mary C. McQuade, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1943
	Muriel S. Burke, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1943
	Lillian G. Wright .....	Lowell Normal School .....	Sept. 1914
ACADEMY .....	Anthony G. L. Brackett, B. S., Ed. M. ....	Middlebury College, Harvard University .....	Sept. 1942
	(Prin.)		
	Mildred J. Caram, B. S. E. ....	Salem State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1941
	Carolyn Dutton, A. B. ....	Boston University .....	Sept. 1943
	Samuel F. Frolio, B. S., Ed. M. ....	Tufts College, Boston University .....	Sept. 1942
	Marian K. Kelly, A. B., A. M. ....	Hunter College, Columbia .....	Sept. 1940
	Mary L. Robinson, Ph. B. ....	Goucher, University of Chicago .....	Sept. 1927
	Helen R. Rochefort, A. B. ....	Tufts College .....	Sept. 1942
	Mary C. Croucher, B. S. E. ....	Fitchburg Teachers College .....	Sept. 1943
MUSIC SUPERVISOR	Lilley Mac Lawler .....		Nov. 1935
SCHOOL NURSE.....	Dorothy Healy, R. N. ....	Framingham .....	Sept. 1931
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS....	Chester V. Sweatt, B. S., Ed. M. ....	Univ. of Maine, Western Res. Univ. ....	Aug. 1942

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES

June 1943

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### CAMERON SCHOOL

Laurent Joseph Brule	Dennis Patrick Kane
Rita Theresa Blowey	John James Kavanagh
Chester A. Caless	Irene Kostechko
Donald Huse Caless	Jacqueline Vivian Lamy
Thomas Daniel Caless	Lorraine Lamy
Walter Cinsavich	Mildred Edith Lavalley
William Edward Coleman	Robert Lefebvre
Marion Kathleen Connell	Mary Marshall
Vivian Connell	Gloria Milot
Joseph Peter Crickett	Viola Milot
Wasil Daranchuc	James Patrick Mulligan, Jr.
Mary Magdeline Delaney	Theresa Pellerin
Loretta Jean Dudevoir	Albert Joseph Ricard
Catherine Mary Elliot	Carleton Rooks
Jeanine Heroux	Ellen Lorraine Stone
Jean Louise Hosmer	Kathleen Veronica Young

### WILLIAM E. FROST SCHOOL

Arthur Antonelli	Donald Fletcher Johnson
Eugene John Barretto	Phillip Nelson MacArthur
Leo Caliste Bechard	Shirley Claire March
Nathaniel Bradbury	June Louise Olson
David Arthur Burnham	Alexander Murray Patrick Seaton
Madeline Eva Chapman	Lois Evelyn Shea
Stanley Richard Cole	Gloria Eugenia Skinner
Jean Marie Collier	Ethel Marion Smith
Walter Edward Coombs	Ruth Elisabeth Smith
Nancy Patricia Corkum	James Ellis Studdiford
Dennis Courtemanche	Mary Josephine Sullivan
Edwin Phillip Donnelly	Phyllis Rita Wajda
Charlotte Lillian Fletcher	Doris Helen Wright

### SARGENT SCHOOL

Joseph Richard Connell	Raymond Richard Valcourt
Theresa Alice Nadolny	Anthony William Minko
Jean Emmiline Morgan	Walter Charasko
Patricia Ann Wood	Robert Francis Gower
Theresa Marie Guillemette	

# REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF WESTFORD ACADEMY

for the Year Ending December 31, 1943

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January 1, 1944

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt  
Superintendent of Schools  
Westford, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Sweatt:

It is a pleasure to submit the annual report of Westford Academy.

In September, 1943, Westford Academy started its second year of service to the youth of Westford as one of America's schools at war. The fall of 1943 found Westford Academy better prepared to do its job of meeting the needs of the boys and girls of Westford in wartime than it was prepared in 1942.

The teachers have contributed to the war effort by teaching heavy schedules. Two of the eight teachers are occupied seven periods in a seven-period day. All teachers have a full load and extra-curricular duties as well.

The students were better adjusted to wartime education in 1943, after a year and a half of wartime experience. They also felt more keenly the value of an education and were resolved to work hard, if necessary, in order to master their studies. As might be expected, every boy and girl has not been able to carry out his good resolutions. Some of them have not studied hard and a few have withdrawn, but for the most part the pupils of Westford Academy have lived up to their resolutions of the new school year very well.

It has, perhaps, been easier for the pupils to do their job this year than it was last. They have found a well-considered wartime curriculum this year. The new courses which have been established have been well worthwhile. Subjects which were not necessary in wartime were dropped out of the program of studies for 1943-1944. Changes were made in the content of the work in many of the subjects. All of these modifications were undertaken with much more postiveness than was true a year ago. The faculty this year felt much more certain of its position and this certainty has been reflected both in the choice of subject matter and in the method of its presentation.

The pupils have also been more certain of themselves. They have been more positive that the work they are doing in school is the most beneficial thing they can do for the war effort. They have shown a willing spirit of cooperation with teachers in the general activities of the school. They have worked hard and have expected to work hard. It has become the accepted thing in Westford Academy to get assignments completed and to get them completed on time. It has become a matter of habit to study for examinations. Pupils are escaping from the easy peace-time policy of just getting by and of working to please the teacher. Most of the boys and girls are now trying to please themselves and to satisfy their own consciences.

Because of the generally high morale on the part of the student body, the pupils have been entrusted with larger areas of self-control. It has been the policy of the faculty to foster a spirit of self-discipline on the part of the student body. The teachers believe that if these boys and girls will be without any restraining influences in a matter of a few months they need to be helped to achieve self-control now. It is wrong to treat a boy or girl as a child today, and tomorrow to send him away from friends, school, and home to be a law unto himself, as it were. If the restraints of childhood are all thrown away in one day, there is great chance of personal tragedy. Inasmuch as possible, the pupils in Westford Academy have been encouraged to control themselves this year. There has been only limited faculty supervision. The student council has functioned more actively. Special committees from the student body have been in charge of various phases of school life.

As specific instances of a serious attitude on the part of the students this year, we have few failures in courses. On the contrary, the subject matter taught is more difficult, but in spite of this most pupils have received higher grades. In fact, it has been possible to resume the publishing of an honor roll at the close of each marking period, a policy which was not followed last year.

There is a larger enrollment this year than there was a year ago. This is contrary to the general trend throughout the country which shows a continuing tendency for secondary school enrollments to shrink.

After boys and girls experienced high wages during the summer in war jobs, many of them did not return to school. In Westford this was also true to some extent, but for the most part, the pupils did return. Many of them, however, continued to work on a part-time basis. A recent survey showed the following employment figures:

	Boys		Girls	
	Employed	Unemployed	Employed	Unemployed
Seniors .....	8	5	3	10
Juniors .....	8	4	9	14
Sophomores .....	9	8	4	21
Freshmen .....	4	15	8	23
	—	—	—	—
Totals .....	29	32	24	68

Most of these pupils are working nearly twenty hours a week. A few work more and one or two hold down regular 40-hour a week jobs and attend school besides.

In spite of more difficult subject matter and additional employment on the part of the pupils, this year has shown an increase in extra-curricular activity. As was true of most small schools last year, there was almost a complete curtailment of inter-school athletic competition. This year saw the return to a regular schedule of inter-school games, although fewer in number than in previous years. The size of the squads this year in boys and girls basketball are much larger than last year and compare favorably with peacetime.

The program in dramatics has been more ambitious this year than last. Work in student publications has continued. The club activity period has operated with as many clubs as in past years and with nearly every pupil in school as member of some club.

The few minutes following lunch time during the noon recess period has been used regularly for activities. In the fall this took the form of outside sports; this winter games and dancing have been enjoyed in the gym.

In the hours beyond the school day the faculty has attempted to serve the youth of the town this year by instituting a moving picture program on Friday nights when there was no organized school affair in progress. The school movie projector, the generous gift of the trustees, was used to show entertaining and wholesome moving pictures for the benefit of the boys and girls in all parts of the town. The Parent-Teachers Association agreed to back the project in case of financial difficulty. The local ration board was most generous in helping in the matter of transportation. Four hundred boys and girls attended shows for the month of December.

In the foregoing paragraphs I have attempted to describe and to cite examples of the wartime activities of Westford Academy. There are many specific matters, however, which should be mentioned.

The curriculum of the school was changed in the fall of 1943 with modification of the regulation on social studies in the core curriculum program. In place of civics as a required subject of the freshman year was substituted mathematics. English continued as a requirement for all four years and social studies, for the last three years.

New elective subjects added to the curriculum included pre-induction mathematics, pre-induction science, advanced mathematics, a second year of Spanish, and the establishment of the offering of physics and chemistry yearly rather than on an alternate year basis. Latin is no longer offered every year. It is to be taught when requested as a vocational subject for entrance to college or nurse's training school.

A regular period during the school day for conference between pupils and teachers was started this fall. In past years teachers have always been available by appointment and on certain "afternoons back" after school hours. These practices are still continued, and in addition a period is set aside each day when certain teachers are freed of all other responsibilities and are available to the pupils for special help. This is a feature of the program at Westford Academy which is almost unique for a public school. In private schools, where the ratio of pupils to teacher is much lower, the conference system is commonly used. In public schools, such a practice is rarely found. It is possible for the conference program to be undertaken at Westford only because the teachers are willing to put forth extra effort. "Spare periods" are not available. At times when the teachers might expect to be without assignment, the conferences are held.

The outside reading program at the Academy continues to be a prominent part of student life. This is made possible through the cooperation of Miss May E. Day, the town librarian, who brings books to school for loan to the students at regular intervals.

Certain changes were made in the faculty this year. Because of the resignation of Miss Ethel T. Tewksbury and Mr. Ernest R. Dalton, two vacancies were created which were filled by the election of Mrs. Mary H. Croucher, formerly a teacher in Amherst, Mass., and Miss Carolyn E. Dutton, a graduate of Boston University.

During the summer and Christmas vacations, extensive alterations were made in the Academy building. A passageway was cut through the upper hall, a conference room was made available on the first floor, and lockers were placed in the classrooms. The basements were also thoroughly cleaned and painted, as were the walls in the classrooms and halls of the two lower floors. For this work of cleaning and painting much credit is due to our new janitor, Mr. Howard H. Ferguson.

An honor roll bearing the names of the graduates of Westford Academy serving in the armed forces was placed in the lower hall on Armistice Day. The funds for this honor roll were raised entirely by the students themselves, the largest contribution being made by the class of 1943 as their class gift to the school. At present there are listed the names of 101 men and women now serving. In gold letters are the names of James Harrigan and Emile LeDuc.

I wish it might be possible to make some accurate forecast as to the future. The war renders it impossible to prophesy with even the average expectancy of being correct. Certain factors, however, are beginning to be clear in the general picture.

It seems rather positive that the wartime program of studies at Westford Academy is well established. As long as the war lasts, we may expect to see the same curriculum with only slight modification.

When peace comes, it is doubtful whether we shall ever go back to the same program that we had before war was declared. I believe that the demand for short unit courses will continue and grow and that more and more short term subjects will be offered in all secondary schools.

When the war is over, or, in fact, before that time, an evaluation of the program at Westford Academy should be made with attention to the success of the Academy in meeting the needs of its students. In the future I believe that secondary education will be expected to fit the boy or girl who graduates from high school for his next step in life. That next step may be going to college, going to a special school such as a trade school or nurse's training school, or going to work. As has been true of most high schools, Westford Academy has paid little attention in the past to the preparation of its graduates to take a definite place in the world.

In connection with this practice of the past, a study of the following tabulation of drop outs of the last year and a half is, I think, interesting:

	Work	Disliked School	Moved	Military Service	Poor Health	Private School	Married
Boys .....	9	2	7	7	1	0	0
Girls .....	9	5	3	0	1	2	1
Totals	18	7	10	7	2	2	1

An analysis of the figures shows that, excluding those who entered the armed services or moved, 30 pupils left school during this period. It is apparent that 25 of the 30 felt that the school had little to offer them.

The graduates of Westford Academy in the classes of 1942 and 1943, excluding those in the armed services, very largely entered activities for which they were not prepared in school. The following table shows the distribution of our graduates of the last two years:

College	Other Education	Commercial	Other Work
2	7	10	22

Surely the small proportion of our graduates who are fitted to undertake the activity which they enter is subject for careful thought. When the large number of graduates who drift into various positions is linked with the large number of drop outs, most of whom may be expected to be working at the first job which came along, we may well question the effectiveness with which Westford Academy is preparing the boys and girls of Westford for life.

A careful investigation of the future possibilities of secondary education in the town of Westford should be made in the near future.

The following items should prove of general interest to the citizens of the town:

#### Enrollment—December 24, 1943

Class	Boys	Girls	Totals
1944	14	14	28
1945	11	23	34
1946	17	23	40
1947	21	32	53
	63	92	155

Distribution of Alumni, Class of 1943

Working .....	7
Armed Services .....	6
Nurses' training .....	2
College .....	2
Dental School .....	1

Junior Members of the Tadmuck Club

Lillian R. Barretto

Marea R. Kelly

## WESTFORD ACADEMY

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### Graduates

Robert Harold Connell	Mildred Edna Johnson
Wilfred Anthony Cooney	John Edgar LeCourt
Rosamond Louise Corkery	Josephine Mary Lewkowich
Nicholas Denisevich	Ruth Eleanor McDonald
Maurice Stillman Flagg, Jr.	Ruth Evelyn Moore
Walter Whidden Fletche, Jr.	Virginia Schill
Fernand Roger Gelinas	Margaret Claudina Scott
Vera Ann Halko	Arlene Marion White
Thomas Alfred Hughes	John Francis Young

### Class Motto

We Finish to Begin

### Class Colors

Maroon and Grey

### Class Marshal

Nicholas Denisevich

### Class Flower

Gardenia

### Winners of Prizes (Given by Trustees)

#### Awarded at Graduation Exercises

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in English:

Five Dollars—Margaret Claudina Scott

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in Mathematics and Science:

Five Dollars—Walter Whidden Fletcher, Jr.

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in Stenography and Typewriting:

Five Dollars—Ruth Eleanor McDonald

Member of Senior Class the Most Worthy Representative of Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—Josephine Mary Lewkowich

#### Awarded at Class Day Exercises

Member of the Class of 1944, the Most Worthy Representative of Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—Lillian R. Barretto

Member of the Class of 1945, the Most Worthy Representative of Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—Pauline E. Ferguson

Member of the Class of 1946, the Most Worthy Representative of Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—Helen S. Wallace

Washington and Franklin certificate for excellence in U. S. History (awarded by the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the American Revolution):

William H. Studdiford, 1944

In closing, may I extend my thanks and appreciation for your splendid support and cooperation of the past year. The school board has also been most considerate of any requests made of them and have insured better teaching through the feeling of confidence which they have given the teachers. I should also like to express my personal appreciation to the parents of the boys and girls of Westford Academy for their understanding and whole-hearted support in matters of pupil control.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY G. L. BRACKETT,

Principal of Westford Academy.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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Members of the School Committee:

The following is my report as school physician for the year ending December 31, 1943:

The usual physical examination was made on all the children attending the public schools of Westford. A separate physical examination is made to recheck all the cases in which major physical defects are found, and the children may receive treatment if any is indicated. Academy pupils playing basketball received special examinations.

I have responded to calls at the schools for emergency cases when called by the school principals.

Co-operation by the Board of Health nurse, teachers, and parents of the children has been splendid.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. D. W. COWLES.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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January 9, 1944

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Westford, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Following is the report of the School Nurse from March 1, to December 31, 1943:

Schools visited .....	214
Dressings and First Aid .....	30
Children examined for minor ailments .....	39
Children recommended for exclusion because of Pediculis and skin infections .....	12
Children recommended for exclusion because of contagious disease contact .....	5
Assisted at clinic for mentally retarded children.	
Vaccinations checked.	
Weighed and measured school children.	
Assisted School Dentist with oral examination of all school children October, 1943.	
Assisted School Physician with physical examination of school children in Spring and Fall of 1943.	

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY A. HEALY, R. N.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

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Mr. Chester V. Sweatt,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Westford, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The following is my report as Supervisor of Music in Westford Schools.

The ultimate aim of all music lessons is to make the learning of music one continuous round of happy memories and pleasurable experiences.

The music program in our schools today provides an integral experience which develops in students an understanding of and a love for music. Music is used to brighten and vitalize the social studies and social studies are used to illuminate the music.

During this war the folk songs and dances have taken on a more definite significance than heretofore. The study of nationality, through the characteristic music — songs, dances and musical instruments, has developed keen interest in all of the grades.

Girls Glee Clubs were organized in all of the schools last year and the Sargent School now boasts of a Boys Glee Club, beginning late fall.

Activities were much the same this year as last, Christmas programs being given creditably in all of the schools and excellent singing at the Common on Memorial Day by the combined schools of the town.

In addition, Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Frost School presented the "Nutcracker Suite" and Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 gave a "Variety Show" for their Spring Concert at the Academy Gymnasium. An appreciative audience filled the hall for this splendid program.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have helped toward making this year happy and successful.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLEY MORAN LAWLER,

Music Supervisor.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF HANDWRITING

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January 22, 1944

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt, Superintendent  
Westford Public Schools  
Westford, Mass.

My Dear Mr. Sweatt:

I am pleased to submit the following report on the Handwriting program in the Westford schools for the school year 1942-43.

In the initial Handwriting tests administered in September, 1940, 20.7% of your elementary school pupils received a grade of "A" (Excellent); 6.9% received a grade of "B" (Good); and 72.2% were graded less than "B." In the June tests administered in 1943, 70.1% were graded "A" (Excellent); 14.3% were graded "B" (Good); and 15.5% were graded less than "B."

Certificates in Handwriting were awarded to 47 or 73% of the eighth grade pupils and 8 or 72% of the high school pupils.

During the school year we graded approximately 4750 formal and 14,250 informal samples of Handwriting for the elementary school children, and 1000 formal and 2000 informal Handwriting samples for the high school pupils.

We furnished the following supplies during the year:—monthly outlines for the teachers, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, monthly and term envelopes, term testing paper, individual handwriting certificates for the eighth and high school pupils who qualified, diagnostic charts, seals, etc.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation to you, your teachers, and your pupils for the fine cooperation we have received at all times.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. RINEHART.

## WESTFORD SCHOOL CALENDAR

1943 — 1944

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Sept. 27		Schools Open
Dec. 24	61 Days	Schools Close
Jan. 9		Schools Open
Feb. 25	39 Days	Schools Close
Mar. 6		Schools Open
Apr. 28	38 Days	Schools Close
May 8		Schools Open
June 16	29 Days	Schools Close

### DAYS OMITTED:

Columbus Day—October 12.

Armistice Day—November 11.

Thanksgiving—November 25 and 26.

Christmas Holidays—December 25—January 2.

Washington's Birthday—February 22.

Vacation Week—February 28—March 3.

Patriots' Day—April 19.

Good Friday—April 7.

Vacation Week—May 1—May 5.

Memorial Day—May 30.

### GRADUATIONS:

Elementary	June 19.
High School	June 20.

The graduation dates are tentative and depend on whether the state requires us to make up the time lost in September when the opening of school was delayed so that the pupils could assist in the harvesting of crops.



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY**  
OF THE  
*Town of Westford*



**For the Year Ending December 31,**  
**1943**



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

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January 1, 1944.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit their annual report for 1943; including the report of the Librarian and the list of books added in 1943.

Last winter the Selectmen requested a complete appraisal of the contents of the Library building for insurance purposes. Accordingly several evenings were spent in listing and valuing the books, furniture, statues, oil paintings, the contents of the Historical Room and the tools in the basement. Placing the value on some of the articles was somewhat of a problem, but an endeavor was made to arrive at a fair estimate.

To carry on the repairs and the necessary work of the Library and its branches the Trustees ask the following appropriation, viz:

1. The sum of twenty-four hundred (\$2,400.00) dollars.
2. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. ROUDENBUSH, Chairman.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR

ALICE M. HOWARD, Secretary.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY FOR 1943

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### Salaries and Wages:

Librarian .....	\$	775.00	
Janitor .....		350.00	
Assistants .....		147.46	
			\$ 1,272.46

### Books and Periodicals:

Books .....	\$	790.14	
Periodicals .....		132.05	
Binding .....		22.27	
			\$ 944.46

Fuel .....	\$	441.64	
Electricity .....	\$	128.72	

### Buildings:

Water .....	\$	16.00	
Repairs .....		173.65	
Janitor's Supplies .....		3.70	
			\$ 193.35

### Other Expenses:

Telephone .....	\$	23.11	
Transportation of Books .....		30.00	
Stationery and Postage .....		4.70	
Miscellaneous .....		10.96	
			\$ 68.77

\$ 3,049.40

### Income

Town Appropriation .....	\$	2,400.00	
Receipts from dog licenses .....		521.73	
Receipts from sale of discarded materials .....		109.29	
			\$ 3,031.02
Interest from funds .....		18.38	
			\$ 3,049.40
Receipts from fines .....			\$ 47.95

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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January 1, 1944.

To the Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library:

The librarian herewith submits her twenty-sixth annual report in the eighty-fifth year of the Westford library.

While the total circulation has decreased slightly, the number of adult non-fiction has increased. As it takes longer to read a book of biography or travel than a book of fiction not so many can be read. The most used group was that of history in which are included the books about the World War which have been very popular, with a circulation of 557. This is followed by travel with 505 books; biography third with 495 and useful arts (cooking, airplanes, agriculture, etc.) fourth with 418. The number of children's books circulated has increased, showing that they are less busy than adults. The magazine circulation also has increased, probably as they are easier to read by busy people.

This year the long and arduous task of taking an inventory of all the books in the library has been performed, after which the books were counted giving a total of 17,738. This includes 378 books of the Social Library, nucleus of our present library, and 100 old books which are in cases in the former trustees' room. Also in the attic there are 124 books published before 1845 and 1,407 other books which includes the old Agricultural Library, books of genealogy and others which are little used. The 172 volumes of the Vital Records are in the basement. The several hundred volumes of public documents and Smithsonian reports, previously included in the count, have not yet been inventoried and counted.

Several collections of interest to many have been shown in the Frost museum case this year. Miss Marion F. Winnek loaned three groups of articles collected during her travels: Indian crafts and paintings by Indian young people; pottery, embroidery and lace from Italy; and materials of Jugoslavian handwork. In April, Mrs. Carl Chaplin loaned the articles brought to her sons from Liberia by their uncle. One month a group of foreign dolls belonging to the librarian were on display. The most recent exhibition was of souvenirs collected from different points in his travels by J. Willard Fletcher, radioman on one of the ships of the Pacific fleet.

In the spring garden books about flowers and vegetables were arranged on the table in the conversation room for the convenience of the victory gardeners.

For the convenience of the people of Nabnasset a deposit station was opened at the home of Mrs. Edgar Peterson in July. This is open on Tuesday afternoon and evening and it is hoped that it will be increasingly useful. Through the courtesy of Mrs. John Spinner of Graniteville books from the library have been made more accessible to a group of her neighbors. From time to time the librarian has taken books to families who could not readily come to the library. The deposit station at the Post-Office in Forge Village still supplies books for both children and adults. Books are also taken to the schools for the children of Graniteville and Forge Village, where the work of the teachers who take charge of them is much appreciated.

Fifteen children of the Frost school were awarded honor certificates at the graduation exercises in June, which means reading and reporting on twenty books from the State Reading list. Seventy or eighty small certificates were given during the year for reporting on five books from this list.

Several illustrated book reviews written by pupils of Westford Academy were on exhibition at the library in November.

Mr. Edward M. Abbot made a valuable addition to the Westford historical material by the gift of a portrait of Commodore Joel Abbot, born in Westford, January 18, 1793. He was granted a sword by Act of Congress for meritorious action in the War of 1812, served in various positions of trust, and during the critical period of our relations in China performed delicate diplomatic duties, dying in Hong Kong in 1853. A United States destroyer, named for him in 1918, has been re-commissioned for active service in this war and was then turned over to Great Britain.

An honor roll containing the names of the men and women serving in this war, sponsored by the Edward M. Abbot Hose Company, was erected on the lawn between the library and the church where it was dedicated on November 7.

During ten months of the past year the Red Cross has used Library Hall for the making of bandages on three afternoons and one evening a week. Also a class in home nursing sponsored by the Red Cross, was held for eleven weeks beginning Tuesday evening May 11.

Mrs. Carl Wynian was the instructor. In appreciation the Red Cross gave the library two copies of the home nursing text book.

One of the magazines listed for last year—Yankee—was not received as it was discontinued at the close of 1942 for the duration. Otherwise there is no change. All except current numbers may be borrowed for one week and the list for the coming year is as follows:

### WEEKLIES

Geographic News Bulletin	Publishers' Weekly
Illustrated London News	Saturday Evening Post
Life	Time
New York Times Book Review	Turner's Public Spirit
News Week	(Westford Wardsman)

### MONTHLIES

A. L. A. Booklist	Hygeia
American	Instructor
American Cookery	Jack and Jill
American Girl	Ladies' Home Journal
American Home	National Geographic
Antiques	Natural History
Asia	Nature
Atlantic Monthly	Open Road
Better Homes and Gardens	Outdoor Life
Book Review Digest	Parents' Magazine
Boys' Life	Popular Mechanics
Child Life	Popular Science Monthly
Cosmopolitan	Reader's Digest
Country Gentleman	Readers' Guide to Periodical
Etude	Literature
Flying and Popular Aviation	School Arts
Good Housekeeping	Sky
Grade Teacher	Travel
Harper's Monthly	Wilson Bulletin
Hobbies	Woman's Home Companion
House Beautiful	

### BI-MONTHLY

Horn Book	Popular Homecraft
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### SEMI-MONTHLY

Library Journal
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## QUARTERLIES

Old Time New England

Subscription Books Bulletin

### PERIODICALS GIVEN, 1943

Automotive War Production	From Automotive Council for War Production
The A V	From the Publishers
Bell Telephone Quarterly	From American Tel. & Tel. Co.
Books, N. Y. Herald Tribune	From the Old Corner Book Store
Christian Register	From Unitarian Alliance of Westford
Christian Science Monitor	From Miss Mary E. Burbeck
Christian Science Sentinel	From Miss Mary E. Burbeck
Dupont Magazine	From DuPont de Nemours Co.
Education For Victory	From U. S. Office of Education
Everybody's Poultry Magazine	From Roy L. Keizer
Journal of Calendar Reform	From World Calendar Association
Middlesex County Bulletin	From Middlesex County Extension Service
New England News Letter	From New England Council
New Hampshire Troubadour	From State of New Hampshire
Our Dumb Animals	From the Publishers
Plane Talk	From Consolidated Vultee Air Craft Corp.
Pemex Travel Club Bulletin	From Petroles Mexicanos
Ships	From Shipbuilders Council of America
Specialty Salesman Magazine	From the Publishers
Steel Facts	From American Iron & Steel Institute
Tax Talk	From Mass. Federation of Taxpayers' Association
Today's Home	From the Gas Co.
Travelers Standard	From Travelers Insurance Co.
Army Life	From the War Department

### NAMES OF DONORS, 1943

Abbot, Edward M.—portrait of Joel Abbot  
 Buckshorn, Fisher—16 volumes  
 Bowes, Maj. Edward—one volume  
 Cooper, Kent—one volume  
 Dane, Mrs. Walter—2 volumes  
 Dupont—one volume

Fisher, John—5 volumes  
 Flavell, Mrs. H. W.—one volume  
 Fletcher, Miss Eva—one volume  
 Girdwood, Mrs. Logan—30 volumes  
 Harrington, Mrs. William—2 volumes  
 Hope, Arthur L.—one volume  
 Hoover Library on War and Peace—one volume  
 Larkin, Leo—one volume  
 N. Y. Trust Co.—One volume.  
 Prescott, Miss Clara—Prescott pictures  
 Red Cross Nursing class—2 volumes  
 Robbins, Miss Elsie V.—pin cushion with buttons of Col. John Robinson  
 Rush, Benjamin—one volume  
 Tax Foundation—one volume  
 Westford Tuberculosis Committee—one volume  
 Whitcomb, Mrs. Leroy H.—15 volumes  
 Winnek, Miss Marion F.—12 volumes  
 Wright, William E.—Henry Luce manuscript

# CIRCULATION

Total circulation of bound volumes .....	13,627
Volumes lent at Library .....	11,596
Volumes lent at Graniteville .....	850
Volumes lent at Forge Village .....	1,013
Volumes lent at Nabnassett .....	168
Circulation in children's department .....	5,171
Volumes lent thru the schools .....	1,555
Periodicals lent .....	3,544
Pamphlets and clippings lent .....	121
Pictures lent .....	998
Jig-saw puzzles lent .....	103
Number of days open .....	153
Largest monthly circulation of bound volumes, April .....	1,253
Smallest monthly circulation, September .....	751
Largest daily circulation, January 5.....	169
Smallest daily circulation, July 29 .....	32
With 2 days. Jan. 2 and June 17 .....	38

# ACCESSIONS

Volumes added by purchase .....	439
Volumes added by gift .....	41
Total number of volumes added .....	480
Number of volumes in Library .....	17,738

## AMOUNT OF FUNDS

Legacy of Stephen S. Stone .....	\$1,000.00
Legacy of Augustus K. Fletcher .....	1,000.00
Legacy of Mary A. Henarie, Laws Fund .....	1,000.00
Legacy of John M. Osgood .....	1,000.00
Legacy of Jennie Reed Wilkins .....	150.00
Legacy of Adeline T. Burbeck .....	500.00
Legacy of Albert E. Prescott .....	7,056.08

## REGULATIONS

The J. V. Fletcher Library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (legal holidays excepted) from 1:30 till 5, and from 6:30 till 9:00 P. M.

The Forge Village deposit station at the Post-Office in charge of Mrs. Josephine Connell is open daily.

The Nabnasset deposit station at the home of Mrs. Edgar Peterson is open Tuesday afternoon and evening.

New books of fiction can be kept only one week; but there may be one renewal. All other books may be kept four weeks. Renewals may be made by telephone or by postal.

No books shall be transferred, or acknowledged as returned, unless delivered to the librarian.

For each day that a book is kept beyond the prescribed time a fine of one cent is charged.

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Hunt, Mabel L.—John of Pudding Lane .....	jH 942j
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Kent, Louise A.—He went with Magellan .....	jK 375hm
Kelly, Eric P.—Land of the Polish people .....	j943.8 K
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Kipling, Rudyard—Elephant's child .....	jK 575e
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—How the rhinoceros got his skin .....	jK 575hr
Lansing, Marion F.—Against all odds; pioneers of South America .....	j980 L
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Lawson, Robert—Watchwords of liberty .....	j973 L1
Leighton, Margaret C.—Twelve bright trumpets .....	jL 530t
Lent, Henry B.—Bombardier .....	j629.13 L2
Lilienthal, Sophie—See how we work .....	j338 L
Lindsay, Maud—The toyshop .....	jL 749t
Locklin, Anne L.—Tidewater tales .....	jL 817t
Lockwood, Hazel—Golden book of birds .....	j598.2 L
Lucas, Mary S.—Vast horizons .....	j910.9 L1
McNeer, May—Story of the great plains .....	j978 M1
Marshall, Helen L.—A New Mexican boy .....	jM 368n
Mason, Frank W.—Q-boat .....	jM 399q
Masters, Joseph G.—Stories of the far west .....	j978 M
Meador, Stephen W.—The sea snake .....	jM 481s
Mohr, Louise M. and others—Palestine and Syria.....	j933 M
O'Brien, John S.—Spike of Swift River .....	jO 135sp
Orton, Helen F.—Little lost pigs in town .....	jO 785 li
—Mystery at the old place .....	jO 785m
Pace, Mildred M.—Early American; story of Paul Revere—	jB R452.1
Parton, Ethel—The house between .....	jP 274h
Perry Josephine—Cotton industry .....	j677.2 P1
—Rubber industry .....	j678 P
—Steel industry .....	j669.1 P

Phillips, Ethel C.—A name for Obed .....jP 558na  
 Pinkerton, Kathrene S.—Adventure north .....jP 655a  
     —Fox island .....jP 655f  
 Popular Science Monthly—Second giant home workshop  
     manual .....680 P1  
 Quinn, Vernon—Picture map geography of Mexico, Central  
     America and the West Indies .....j917.2 Q  
 Rabelais, Francis—Amazing adventure of Gargantua and his  
     son Pantagruel .....j847 R  
 Ransome, Arthur—The Picts and the martyrs .....jR 212p  
 Root, Charlet—The feast of lamps; story of India .....jR 781f  
 Saint-Exupéry, Antoine de—The little prince .....j823 S  
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 Sherman, Fanny J.—Admiral Wags .....j636.78 S  
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 Simon, Charlie May—Lays of the new land.....j928.11 S  
 Sperry, Armstrong—Coconut, the wonder tree .....jS 751co  
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 Tregarthen, Enys—Piskey folk; Cornish legends .....j398.2 T  
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 Tudor, Tahha—The county fair .....j630.1 T  
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     from Monticello .....JB J455.1  
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     —Trooper, U. S. army dog .....jW 339tr  
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     —These happy golden years .....jW 673t  
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 Wood, Laura N.—Walter Reed, doctor in uniform .....JB R327  
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Respectfully submitted,

MAY E. DAY,

Librarian.

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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD

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### Town Clerk

Charles L. Hildreth .....Term expires February, 1945

### Selectmen

Arthur L. Healy, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1945

Arthur M. Whitley, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1946

Cyril A. Blaney .....Term expires February, 1947

### Assessors

Samuel A. Fletcher, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1945

John J. O'Connell .....Term expires February 1946

Edward F. Harrington, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1947

### Board of Public Welfare

Samuel A. Richards, Chairman.....Term expires February, 1945

Reginald Blowey, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1946

William L. Wall .....Term expires February, 1947

### Treasurer

Charlotte P. Greig .....Term expires February, 1947

### Collector of Taxes

David I. Olsson .....Term expires February, 1947

### Moderator

Ben W. Drew

### Constable

John F. Sullivan

### **School Committee**

Thomas Curley .....	Term expires February, 1945
Clifford J. Courchaine .....	Term expires February, 1945
Dorothy E. Chandler, Secretary .....	Term expires February, 1946
Frederick W. Gatenby, Chairman .....	Term expires February, 1946
Robert M. Hunter .....	Term expires February, 1947
F. Stanley Smith .....	Term expires February, 1947

### **Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library**

William R. Taylor .....	Term expires February, 1945
William C. Roudenbush, Chairman .....	Term expires February, 1946
Alice M. Howard, Secretary .....	Term expires February, 1947

### **Librarian**

May E. Day

### **Board of Cemetery Commissioners**

Fred R. Blodgett .....	Term expires February, 1945
Axel G. Lundberg .....	Term expires February, 1946
Sebastian B. Watson .....	Term expires February, 1947

### **Board of Health**

Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Chairman.....	Term expires February, 1945
Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., Secretary.....	Term expires February, 1946
Ralph E. Cole, M. D.....	Term expires February, 1947

### **Agents of Board of Health**

Albert A. Hildreth, Agent

Dorothy A. Healy, R. N., Agent, Public Health Nurse and Collector of Samples

Charles L. Hildreth, Agent to issue Burial Permits

Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., Inspector of Dairies

Melvin F. Master, Milk Examiner

### **Tree Warden**

Harry L. Nesmith

## Director for Demonstration Work in Agriculture and Home Economics

Mabel M. Nixon

### Finance Committee

P. Henry Harrington .....Term expires March 1, 1945  
\*William E. Wright, Chairman.....Term expires March 1, 1945  
W. Otis Day .....Term expires March 1, 1946  
E. Kent Allen, Secretary .....Term expires March 1, 1946  
Herford N. Elliott .....Term expires March 1, 1947  
Everett A. Scott .....Term expires March 1, 1947

\*Resigned Jan. 15, 1945

### Committee in Charge of Whitney Playground

Charles L. Hildreth                      John Fisher                      Morris A. Hall

### Special Town Forest Committee

Fred R. Blodgett .....Term expires March, 1945  
William E. Wright .....Term expires March, 1946  
Edwin H. Gould .....Term expires March, 1947

### Registrars of Voters

James J. McKniff .....Term expires March 31, 1945  
Norman E. Day .....Term expires March 31, 1946  
Albert R. Wall .....Term expires March 31, 1947

Charles L. Hildreth, Clerk, Ex-Officio

### Precinct Officers

Precinct 1.—Warden, Alonzo H. Sutherland (R); Deputy Warden, Fisher Buckshorn (R); Clerk, Robert J. Spinner (D); Deputy Clerk, John R. Leonard (D); Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson (R); Morris A. Hall (R); Leo C. McDonald (D); Henry E. Gamage (D); Deputy Inspectors, Albert A. Hildreth (R); Howard H. Ferguson (R); Edward L. Dailey (D); Francis H. Chandonait (D).

Precinct 2.—Warden, Frank P. Shugrue (D); Deputy Warden, Clifford G. Carpentier (D); Clerk, Alfred T. W. Prinn (R); Deputy Clerk, William L. Wall (R); Inspectors, Walter N. Fletcher (R); Roy E. Blanchard (R); John E. Connolly (D); John W. Spinner (D); Deputy Inspectors, Charles A. Blodgett (R); Howard V. Anderson (R); Raymond A. Wall (D); Louis F. Oliver (D).

Precinct 3.—Warden John E. Leslie (D); Deputy Warden, Arthur J. Deforge (D); Clerk, Harlan E. Knowlton (R); Deputy Clerk, William W. Gilson (R); Inspectors, Walter A. Whidden (R); Julia E. Knowlton (R); Louis Courtemanche (D); Eva A. Deforge (D); Deputy Inspectors, Swan G. Swanson (R); Alice E. Whitcomb (R); John A. Eliason (D); Fred Shugrue (D).

Precinct 4.—Warden, Leo J. Connell (D); Deputy Warden, John M. Mulligan (D); Clerk, Charles E. Dudevoir (R); Deputy Clerk, Edmund J. Hunt (R); Inspectors, James Kelly, Jr. (D); Donald E. Courchaine (D); Reginald Blowey (R); Victor B. Daly (R); Deputy Inspectors, Richard Lyons (D); Albert F. Hobson (D); Arthur T. Greenslade (R); Everett A. Scott (R).

Note—(R) Republican; (D) Democrat.

#### **Chief of Police**

John F. Sullivan

#### **Regular Police Officer**

John L. Connell

#### **Dog Officers**

John F. Sullivan

John L. Connell

#### **Special Police Officers for 1944**

Allan Adams	John J. O'Connell	J. Austin Healy
Edward C. Buckingham	Amos B. Polley	David Lord
Leo J. Connell	Winthrop W. Sargent	Frank A. Wright
Charles E. Dudevoir	William L. Wall	Louis F. Oliver
Winslow P. George	Elmer Brown	Edmund D. Rogers
Ralph J. Hulslander	George G. Beskalo, Jr.	Edward J. St. Onge
Thomas McGrath	Lawrence J. Charlton	Arthur J. Deforge
	Wilfred Gelinas	

#### **Police Woman**

Dorothy A. Healy, R. N.

**Superintendent of Streets**

J. Austin Healy

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Albert A. Hildreth

**Inspector of Animals**

Amos B. Polley

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

Amos B. Polley

**Forest Warden**

Leo R. Larkin

**Deputies Appointed by the Forest Warden**

Reginald Blowey	J. Austin Healy	Edmund D. Rogers
Thomas Curley	F. Everett Miller	Harold E. Wright
Richard W. Hall	Hubert V. Raymond	

**Superintendent of Moth Department**

Harry L. Nesmith

**Engineers of the Fire Department**

Richard W. Hall, Clerk	Edmund D. Rogers, Chief
Harold E. Wright, Assistant Chief	

**Town Accountant and Clerk of Board of Selectmen**

Genevieve A. Healy

**Soldiers' Relief Agent**

Genevieve A. Healy

**Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors**

Arthur T. Greenslade

**Superintendent of Westford Infirmery**

Leo J. Connell

**Keeper of the Lockup**

Leo J. Connell

**Town Fish and Game Warden**

Edmund L. Provost

**Janitor of Town House**

Frank A. Wright

**Janitor of Library Building**

Frank A. Wright

**Caretaker of Common**

Harold R. Hanning

**Town Counsel**

Edward L. Monahan

**Fence Viewers**

Charles A. Blodgett

Marden H. Seavey

Edwin H. Gould

**Field Drivers**

Alexander Forson

Henry J. Stepinski

Leo Tousignant

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

Charles A. Blodgett

Edwin H. Gould

Arthur L. Healy

Fred W. Burnham

Isaac L. Hall

J. Austin Healy

Charles Freeman

P. Henry Harrington

Edmund L. Provost

### **Weighers for Abbot Worsted Co.**

Albert J. Burne	Earl Gorton	Robert J. Orr, Jr.
Richard Connell	George M. Haley	Wallace Young
Victor B. Daly	Michael T. Mossdrop	

### **Weighers of General Commodities**

Lawrence Brunelle	Frederick S. Healy
James Dubey	J. Austin Healy
Kenneth Dunn	Richard K. Healy
Arthur L. Healy	Joseph J. Oliver Jr.
John L. Shea	

### **Weighers of Granite**

Kenneth Andrews	Florence Manning	Luzern Safford
John H. Gantzel	George F. Montague	Leonard Thompson
Rudolph Haberman, Jr.	Sonia Reenstierna	Virginia Welch

### **Weighers of Textile Commodities**

Edward C. Buckingham	David L. George	Michael T. Mossdrop
Rolandie Bolduc	Earl Gorton	Robert J. Orr
Albert J. Burne	Eleanor M. Haley	William E. Robinson
Edwin L. Burne	Clifford Jones	Winthrop W. Sargent
J. Clarence Burne	Elizabeth May	Harold Stewart
Earl J. Connell	Edward F. McLenna	Thomas W. Sugden
Victor B. Daly	Lester A. McLenna	Estelle Taylor

### **Assistant Town Clerk**

Alice A. Hildreth

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NOTE.—The law requires that certain officers, including Measurers and Weighers, in order to qualify as such officers, be sworn in, and a record of their oath be filed with the Town Clerk. Many of the above mentioned officers have not so qualified.

## BIRTHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1944

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
Aug. 26	Abbood, Arthur Andre, Jr.	Arthur and Rose (Hamwey)
Apr. 7	Allen, Robert Fargo	E. Kent and Harriet E. (Bolton)
Aug. 12	Baker, James Leonard	Edwin L. and Isabelle (Newton)
May 28	Barretto, Louise Elizabeth	John and Elizabeth (Walk)
Feb. 2	Benkoski, Ernest Richard	Ernest F. and Florence M. (Succo)
Sept. 17	Bolduc, Pauline Rita	Marcel and Lorande (Lamy)
Feb. 22	Bouchard, Joseph George	Joseph T. and Eva (Boucher)
July 19	Bresse, Sandra Louise	Raymond E. and Ida M. (Gagnon)
June 27	Brule, Lionel Joseph	Josephat and Simonne (Menard)
Nov. 13	Brunelle, Denise Jane	Adelard A. and Marie E. (Lamy)
Aug. 3	Cantin, Ronald Henry	Alexander G. and Alice D. (Landry)
July 26	Clark, Richard Herbert	Herbert S. and Marguerite Ellen (Dudevoir)
Apr. 21	Cole, Pamela Clark	Ralph E. and Elinor (Clark)
July 2	Costello, Mary Ann	Thomas and Edith E. (Spofford)
June 14	Cote, Diane Therese	Edward C. and Jeannette A. (Harnois)
May 27	Crocker, Bryce Garfield	Bryce H. and Madeleine (Courtemanche)
Dec. 13	Davis, Deborah Dee	Lawrence S. and Dorothy (Fecteau)
Nov. 27	Day, William Arthur	Norman E. and Pearl (Smith)
Sept. 2	Doucette; Manford John	Clyde L. and Mary A. (Profita)
Jan. 27	Dozois, Henry Norman	Henry A. and Claire M. (Ricard)
Jan. 24	Drolet, Frances Sharon	Francis A. and Helen R. (Socha)
July 20	Dube, Carol Lee	George E. and Helen (Sullivan)
Apr. 24	Dubey, Kathleen Jean	James J. and Marilyn E. (MacArthur)
May 11	Dunn, Paul David	Kenneth and Marjorie R. (Stockwell)
Feb. 20	Dupras, Cynthia Joan	Gilbert A. and Arline M. (Stirk)
Feb. 9	Evans, Leo Francis	Edwin D. and Gertrude V. (Provost)
Nov. 16	Gagnon, Ellen Marie	Francis D. and Aline (Dumont)
July 27	Gelinas, Therese Irene	Gerard J. and Irene E. (Boisvert)
Nov. 8	Gower, William Roger	George D. and Lena (Tousignant)
Sept. 14	Healy, Harold Richard	Harold and Bertha (Gagnon)
Aug. 19	Holohan, Richard Paul	Paul W. and Simone (Grenier)
June 23	Hopper, Terence Nelson J.	Nelson and Theresa (Boisvert)
July 11	Hughes, Kenneth Raymond	Roland and Eleanor (Lagasse)
Sept. 20	Johnson, Linda	Roy and I. Elizabeth (Ohs)
June 10	Lacovara, Patricia Anne	Dominick and Margaret (Kelly)
May 8	Lavigne, Richard	George F. and Philomena (Moreno)

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
Apr. 13	LeDuke, William Henry, Jr.	William H. and Alice M. (Trahan)
June 5	Leedberg, Clarence Ronald	Clarence O. and Loretta B. (Mercier)
Apr. 23	MacLeod, Constance Rae	John J. and Edna G. (Whitney)
Apr. 15	Mann, Penelope Ann	Clarence W. and Dulcie J. (White)
Nov. 27	Milot, Daniel Bryan	Wilfrid and Cecile (Vincent)
Nov. 20	Mountain, Sharon Anne	Walter and Isabel (Wright)
May 26	Mullin, Jane Margaret	Charles F. and Clara M. (Dare)
Dec. 16	Nesmith, Janet Kimball	Norman K. and Aksenia (Pupchick)
Mar. 10	Norris, Barbara Lee	Dana T. and Henrietta L. (MacDougall)
July 30	Norwood, Richard Lester	Harry S. and Marion (LeClaire)
Feb. 13	Nylund, Sandra Ann	Carl R. and Elsa P. (Erickson)
Sept. 15	Oliver, Marian Rachel	Joseph and Raffy (Mallozzi)
Mar. 15	Patenaude, Edward Earle	Leo F. and Gladys M. (Earle)
Apr. 2	Payne, James Henry	James H. and Stephanie (Tousignant)
July 29	Pomerleau, Sandra Arline	Arthur and Dorothy (Gagnon)
July 24	Reeves, Veronica Rose	Oliver A. and Lillian (Hosmer)
Feb. 18	Regan, Frances Ellen	John E. and Ellen R. (Mullen)
Sept. 10	Ricciardi, Peter Paul	Paul and Lillian (Green)
Mar. 27	Rich, Harriet Anne	Lincoln C. and Margaret (Dane)
Apr. 22	Rogers, Charles Durant	Edmund D. and Marion (Vasselin)
Feb. 27	Rooks, Karen Anne	Maurice B. and Gladys R. (Crocker)
Nov. 9	Saraceni, Mary Lou	Dominic and Lucy (Guisto)
Aug. 12	Smith Robert Gardner	Robert G. and Rita (Hebb)
June 30	Soubosky, Lorraine Irene	Robert L. and Lorande R. (Milot)
Sept. 2	Sproul, Vivian Sue	Samuel M. and Myrtle (Whitney)
July 22	Stepinski, Joseph	Edward J. and Boleslawa (Kijanka)
Mar. 14	Stromsky, Barbara Ann	Alexander and Nellie (Kostechko)
Feb. 8	Sudak, Janet Elizabeth	Constantine and Elizabeth A. (Palmer)
July 2	Suzedelys, Arthur Stanley	Stanley and Anna J. (Sosnowski)
May 7	Webster, Brooks Seymour	Howard E. and Betty F. (Prescott)
Sept. 8	Wilder, Jean Anne	George S. and Katherine (Bariteau)
Jan. 8	Wilson, Russell Philip	David J. and Edna L. (Heath)
Dec. 9	Wilson, Sandra Ann	Raymond S. and Alice E. (Vickers)
Dec. 21	Woodruff, Richard Lathrop	Virgil P. and Eliza (Lathrop)
Feb. 2	Woznac, Linda Lee	Alexander M. and Jeannette M. (Milot)
May 30	Wright, Sandra Blanche	Walter A. and Helen E. (Cook)

Total Number Recorded—Males 38; Females 38; Total 76

## MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1944

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
May 27	Blanchard, Leon Paschal	27	Boston	Lowell
	Brule, Margaret Mary	21	Westford	Westford
May 1	Borodowka, John	22	Westford	Westford
	Schneider, Florence May	19	Lowell	Hamilton
Apr. 16	Buckshorn, Fisher	38	Westford	Concord, N. H.
	Livingston, Teresa Mary	37	Lowell	Lowell
June 29	Carbo, Kenneth Joseph	24	Westford	Westford
	Ferron, Marguerite Elsie	23	Chelmsford	Tyngsboro
Sept. 2	Carroll, James Francis	36	Westford	Lowell
	Cavanaugh, Margaret Theresa	36	Westford	Pawtucket, R. I.
June 26	Cornwall, Rae Durland	23	Westford	Digby, Nova Scotia
	Burke, Muriel Shaw	21	Lowell	Lowell
June 25	Corosa, Joseph	28	Nashua, N. H.	Nashua, N. H.
	Halko, Anne	27	Westford	Westford
Mar. 21	Cote, Gaston Joseph	21	Westford	Westford
	Bechard, Una Irene	19	Westford	Westford
Apr. 2	Crocker, David Ackland	22	Westford	Chelmsford
	Cullum, Anne Bates	22	Greenville, So. C.	Batesburg, So. C.
May 6	Donohue, Thomas Francis	25	Lowell	Chelmsford
	Labbe, Isabelle Jeannette	21	Westford	Westford
July 8	Dubey, George Forrest	19	Westford	Westford
	Cote, Lillian Marie	19	Westford	Westford
June 30	Ferguson, Arthur Norman	21	Westford	Boston
	Fallon, Patricia Claire	19	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
Mar. 11	George, David Lloyd	25	Westford	Westbrook, Me.
	Charlton, Mary Catherine	23	Westford	Westford
Oct. 30	Hamilton, Richard Dunstan	22	Needham	Halifax Nova Scotia
	Powell, Ruth	23	Needham	Needham
Apr. 8	Hawkins, Carol G.	26	Houston, Texas	East Bernard, Texas
	Baxter, Doris Lillian	19	Groton	Lisbon, Me.
Apr. 1	Hunt, William, Jr.	40	Westford	Westford
	Ballou, Alice Frances	34	Westford	Boston
Jan. 2	Lambert, James	31	Westford	Westford
	Simpson, Lovania May	21	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
June 10	Latuch, Edward James	45	Westford	Waterbury, Vt.
	Bolyea, Lillian (Martin)	50	Westford	Swanton, Vt.

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
Aug. 1	LePage, Wilfred A.	42	Groton	Leominster
	Sargent, Dorothy R. (Stuart)	48	Westford	Everett
June 10	Martin, Philip Joseph	21	Lowell	Lowell
	Perron, Yvette Elizabeth	17	Westford	St. Hugues, Canada
Aug. 13	McDonald, Angus Joseph	34	Westford	Westford
	Pavelka, Julia	35	Dracut	Lowell
Oct. 13	McDonald, Leo Courtney	40	Westford	Westford
	Allard, Madeline Frances	35	Lowell	Lowell
June 24	Miller Alex	43	Westford	Worcester
	Caunter, Mary Elizabeth	23	Westford	Westford
Nov. 12	Moreno, Leonard	25	Westford	Westford
	Brostek, Helen Barbara	23	Lowell	Clinton
Apr. 9	Murray, Edward Francis	36	Cambridge	Cambridge
	Nichols, Ida Margaret	31	Westford	Woodstock, Vt.
Apr. 1	Palma, Salvatore Joseph	26	West Concord	Concord
	Richards, Adrienne Delvina	24	Westford	Westford
Mar. 28	Parfitt, Walter Eugene	20	Westford	Westford
	Moore, Ruth Evelyn	20	Westford	Westford
Mar. 4	Peck, Robert Milton	25	Hartland, Vt.	Glover, Vt.
	Smith, Pauline Helen	22	Westford	Westford
Jan. 15	Perkins, Joseph Whitney	26	Westford	Westford
	George, Arline Laura	24	Westford	Westbrook, Me.
July 23	Pyle, Odin Fletcher	23	Westford	Baltimore, Md.
	Murphy, Shirley June	19	Cambridge	Winchester
Nov. 5	Ricard, Cyril Joseph	23	Westford	Westford
	Surprenant, Lucille Vivian	22	Lowell	Lowell
July 30	Ricard, Noe	26	Westford	Westford
	McManus, Phyllis Ann	24	Lowell	Lowell
Oct. 9	Ross, Vern Bernard	21	San Francisco, Cal.	Purcell, Mo.
	LeFebre, Pearl Violet	19	Westford	Westford
Apr. 16	Saraceni, Antonio	21	Boston	Orsogno, Italy
	Saraceni, Assunta Frances	20	Westford	Orsogno, Italy
Dec. 2	Sedach, Stephen	25	Westford	Westford
	Gorton, Thelma Ann	26	Lowell	Pleasantville, N. Y.
May 4	Soubosky, Chester Joseph	26	Westford	Westford
	Zedalis, Eva Mary	24	Nashua, N. H.	Nashua, N. H.
Feb. 21	Stepinski, Henry Joseph	31	Westford	Westford
	Riley, Dorothy Christina	30	Lowell	Lowell
Sept. 10	Stirk, Norman Charles	19	Westford	Westford
	Hanson, Joyce Roselyn	19	Westford	Westford

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
Nov. 23	Tandus, John Joseph, Jr.	21	Westford	Westford
	Lagasse, Rita Claire	22	Westford	Lowell
June 25	Tellier, Louis Francis George	37	Westford	Lowell
	Castonguay, Cecile (Ouellette)	36	Westford	St. Agatha, Me.
Aug. 26	Thunberg, Ivan	34	Westford	Blekinge, Sweden
	Peterson, Doris Singhild	25	Westford	Westford
Oct. 8	Valcourt, Eugene Joseph	25	Westford	Ste. Rose du Degel, Can.
	Gervais, Adrienne Marie Alice	22	Westford	Westford
Feb. 26	Vickery, Walter Eugene	20	Ayer	Ayer
	Boisvert, Cecile Marie	18	Westford	East Hampton
Oct. 14	Wilder, Bernard McPherson	27	Westford	Lancaster, N. H.
	Weaver, Chrystalbelle Grace	26	Westford	Westford
Oct. 17	Williams, Clarence Edward	32	Milnor, No. Dakota	Portsmouth, Iowa
	LeBlanc, Rita Marie	17	Westford	Clinton

Total Number Recorded 45

## DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1944

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Feb. 3	Abbood, Tofic—husband of Margaret	49	9	16
July 10	Adams, Jessie B. (Milne)—wife of Alonzo	71	10	12
Jan. 27	Bechard, Marie (Saucier)—wife of Henri	85	—	—
Oct. 29	Blondin, Joseph D.	60	—	—
Jan. 5	Bohenko, John F.—husband of Alice B.	68	10	21
Mar. 25	Boucher, Eugenie (Dumont)—wife of Ernest	58	—	—
Apr. 13	Burbeck, Frederick Alvan	75	4	—
Apr. 10	Byron, Alexina (Ricard)—wife of Oliver	68	2	10
Jan. 4	Clement, Peter E.—husband of Mary E.	76	2	4
Jan. 30	Connell, Harold F.—husband of Josephine M.	44	9	22
June 30	Cooper, Virginia M. (Corkery)—wife of Chase	24	—	—
Feb. 11	Costello, Sarah (Brannon)	78	7	24
July 30	Cote, Raoul Joseph—husband of Bernadette	45	—	23
Apr. 7	Daley, Hugh	86	—	—
Jan. 29	Desjardin, Catherine (Sullivan)	72	—	—
June 2	Doucette, John—husband of Rachel M.	65	—	—
Nov. 20	Fraser, Ada M. (Saunders)	70	4	28
Aug. 11	Hale, Alfred Henry—husband of Louisa E.	67	11	30
Aug. 4	Hanson, Sophia M. (Thorbjornson)	77	1	—
July 19	Howard, Charles	80	7	1
Aug. 4	Jenkins, Helen R. (Mackiddie)	63	10	7
Mar. 8	Kavanagh, William	74	3	—
Jan. 20	Leduke, Charles—husband of Louise	84	1	4
Jan. 18	McDonald, Josephine (Brisson)—wife of Joseph A.	64	2	30
Dec. 12	McGlinchey, Bridget	73	—	—
Aug. 10	Milot, Dorilda (Ricard)	62	1	23
May 20	Parfitt, Walter E.—husband of Ruth E.	21	—	3
Oct. 16	Peterson, Hilma M. (Hanson)—wife of Axel	63	6	16
Aug. 9	Pomerleau, Sandra Arline	—	—	11
May 28	Sanborn, Martha Frances	85	8	25
Nov. 11	Socha, Philip Joseph—husband of Josephine W.	77	6	29
Apr. 11	Stone, Richard Henry	—	9	22

	Males	Females	Total
Total number recorded .....	19	16	35
Number of Deaths in Town .....	10	9	19
Residents of Westford .....	19	16	35

## NOTE

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath made by one who was required by law, to furnish the information for the original record or by one or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case.

(See General Laws, Chapter 46, Section 13 as amended.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

Attention is particularly called to the following extracts from the General Laws:

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### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46

Section 1. Each city and town clerk shall receive or obtain and record \* \* \* facts relative to the births \* \* \* in his city or town.

Section 3. Every physician or medical officer registered shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge and \* \* \* shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred a report \* \* \* if the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both father and mother filed \* \* \*. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported \* \* \*. A physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars \* \* \*.

Section 4. A member or servant of a family in which a child is born, having knowledge of the facts required \* \* \* shall furnish the same upon request of the clerk of the town \* \* \* or of any person authorized by him. (Penalty for refusing, not more than ten dollars.)

Section 6. Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder within forty days after a birth in his house shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

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GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 207

Section 36. If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth, who return to dwell here, they shall within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the town where either of them lived at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of their marriage including the facts required in a notice of intention of marriage.

Section 55. Whoever violates Section 36 shall forfeit ten dollars.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish, parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital medical officers applying therefor, with blanks for return of births as required by law.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS

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Number of Dog Licenses issued from January 1, 1944 thru December 31, 1944:

161 Males at \$2.00 .....	\$ 322.00
26 Females at \$5.00 .....	130.00
41 Spayed Females at \$2.00 .....	82.00
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228 Total .....	\$ 534.00
Clerk's fees at 20 cents on 228 Licenses .....	\$ 45.60
Paid to Town as per Treasurer's Receipts .....	488.40
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	\$534.00

The attention of owners and keepers of dogs is called to the following extracts from Chapter 140 of the General Laws as amended:

Definition: "License period," the time between April first and the following March thirty-first, both dates inclusive.

Section 137. A person who at the commencement of a license period is, or who during any license period becomes, the owner or keeper of a dog when it becomes three months old during a license period, shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed until the end of such license period, and the owner or keeper of a dog so registered, numbered, described and licensed during any license period, in order to own or keep such dog after the beginning of the succeeding license period, shall, before the beginning thereof, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for such period.—The registering, numbering, describing and licensing of a dog—shall be—if kept in any—town in the office of the clerk thereof.

The license shall be in a form prescribed by the director, upon a blank to be furnished,—by the county in which the town is located, and shall be subject to the condition expressed therein that the dog which is the subject of the license shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing live stock or fowls. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form prescribed by the director, and upon which shall appear the license number, the name of the town issuing such license and the year of issue. Such tags shall

be furnished in the same manner as the license blanks, and if any such tag shall be lost the owner or keeper of such dog shall forthwith secure a substitute tag from the town clerk——at a cost of ten cents which, if received by a town clerk, shall be retained by him unless otherwise provided by law.

Section 139. Fees for licenses. The fee for every license shall, except as otherwise provided, be two dollars for a male dog and five dollars for a female dog, unless a certificate of a registered veterinarian who performed the operation that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation has been filed with the town clerk, in which case the fee shall be two dollars. A certified copy of such certificate on file in the office of any town clerk within the commonwealth may be accepted as evidence that the said operation has been performed.——

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED THRU DECEMBER 31, 1944

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For License Year Ending March 31, 1945

Abbood, Arthur A. (m)	Carleton, Richard B. (m)
Abbot, Edward M. (2m lf)	Carlson, John (s)
Abbott, Jessie (s)	Carmichael, Charlotte (3f)
Abreu, Anthony (1m lf)	Caron, Edgar (s)
Anderson, Donald E. (m)	Carpentier, Frederick F. (s)
Anderson, Gustave L. (m)	Carter, W. Wallace (s)
Armour, Havelock (m)	Chandonait, Alphonse A. (1m lf)
Atwood, Florence E. (3m)	Charlton, Frances C. (m)
Bailey, Gordon D. (2m)	Clements, Edna Kittredge (s)
Bartush, Martha E. (m)	Cole, Ralph E. (s)
Belleville, Lillian M. (m)	Collins, Ray P. (m)
Benkoski, Florence (s)	Comey, Susannah (m)
Berchtold, Otto H. (s)	Connell, Leo J. (m)
Blanchard, Roy E. (s)	Coupal, Anna M. (m)
Blodgett, Charles A. & Fred R. (f)	Courtemanche, Louis (m)
Bolyea, Lillian (m)	Curley, Thomas (m)
Brisson, Arthur W. (m)	Day, Avis E. (m)
Budge, William K. (s)	DeBow, Klein N. M. (s)
Burke, George H. (m)	DeLaHaye, Edmund J. (m)
Burne, Albert J. (m)	Desmond, David L. (m)
Caless, Charlotte J. (s)	Doucette, Clyde L. (s)
Caless, Sybell L. (m)	Downing, Albert J. (m)
Carkin, Ernest (m)	Drew, Ben W. (s)

Drummy, Thomas P. (m)	Hubbell, Edgar G. (1m 1f)
Dube, Helen (m)	Hunt, Edmund J. (m)
Dubey, Frank T. (m)	Ingalls, Harry M. (1m 1f)
Dudevoir, Charles E. (m)	Jewett, David H. (s)
Dupras, Fred L. (m)	Kane, Lawrence R. (s)
Durrell, Ethel M. (s)	Kofonics, John (m)
Eason, Paul H. (m)	Kostechko, Simon (m)
Eastman, Elizabeth A. (m)	Lamy, Charles (m)
Elliott, Priscilla B. (2m)	Lavigne, Stanley J. (m)
Feeney, Adrith C. (m)	Leduc, Eleanor (m)
Ferguson, Claire (m)	Leedberg, Clarence O. (m)
Fisher, Frances B. (m)	Longden, Henry W. (s)
Fitzpatrick, Frederick J. (m)	MacDougall, Allister F. (m)
Flanagan, John F. (m)	Maffini, Gloria (m)
Fletcher, E. Kennard (s)	Maguire, Francis C. (m)
Fletcher, Priscilla K. (m)	Mann, Clarence W. (2m)
Fletcher, Ralph A. (1m 1f)	Mathieu, Joseph N. (m)
Fontaine, Germaine (m)	May, Rowena C. (s)
Foss, Raymond (m)	McIntire, Elmer F. (s)
Friedrich, Valentine (m)	McKniff, Thomas (m)
Frost, Ralph E. (s)	Merrick, Mary (m)
Gamage, Henry C. (m)	Michelson, Jacob (m)
Gantzel, John H. (f)	Miller, Rita H. (f)
Gardel, Fortuna (3m 1f)	Milot, Charles (m)
Gatenby, Frederick W. (s)	Milot, Lucien (m)
Gelinas, Wilfred (m)	Mountain, Albert E. (1m 1f)
Gilman, Barbara M. (m)	Munroe, Albert H. (s)
Gilman, Marion E. (m)	Munroe, Howerd T. (s)
Gould, Edwin H. (f)	Murray, Richard P. (3m)
Gower, George E. (m)	Nold, George W. (s)
Gower, Robert F. (m)	Norris, Dana T. (s)
Greenslade, Arthur T. Jr. (m)	Nylund, Carl R. (s)
Greig, Charlotte P. (f)	Odell, Charles Q. (m)
Greig, Clara A. (m)	Oikle, Eleanor A. (2f)
Hagberg, Ernest A. (m)	Olsson, David I. (s)
Haley, Frank L. (f)	Orr, Joseph (m)
Hall, Albert L. (m)	Palmer, Charles O. (m)
Hall, John H. (2m)	Peck, Robert M. (m)
Hall, Marjorie A. (f)	Perkins, Joseph J. (1m 1f)
Harless, Bert A. Jr. (m)	Perrins, Robert H. (m)
Harrington, William C. (m)	Perrins, William A. 3rd. (m)
Hildreth, Barbara H. (m)	Petersen, John (m)
Hodgson, Harry (m)	Picking, Bernice G. (m)
Hook, Harold P. (m)	Prindle, Marshall E. (m)
Hotz, Marie J. (4m)	Profita, Joseph M. (s)

Provost, Edmund L. (m)	Totton, Thomas (2m)
Provost, Mary A. (m)	Toy, Hyman H. (m)
Rice, Ralph R. (m)	Traversa, Antonio J. (m)
Rogers, Edmund D. (1m 1s)	Tuttle, Richard A. (m)
Romanowsky, Arnold P. (m)	Tuttle, Ruth P. (s)
Rooks, Maurice B. (f)	Vasselin, John F. (m)
Roudenbush, William C. (s)	Vickers, Ephraim (2m)
Russell, Edward F. (m)	Voropay, Nicholas P. (m)
Sargent, Dorothy R. (1m 1s)	Vyskaska, Mary (m)
Sawosik, Michael (m)	Wark, Donald T. (m)
Schill, Frederick (m)	Wells, Alice M. (s)
Scott, Everett A. (2m)	Whitcomb, Alice E. (s)
Sears, Henry F. (m)	White, Mary B. (m)
Shugrue, Frank P. (m)	Whitney, Grace L. (m)
Simons, Sigmund (m)	Whitney, Hamilton E. (1m 1f)
Sjokvist, Frank (m)	Whitney, Hamilton E., Jr. (m)
Smith, F. Stanley (s)	Whitney, John W. (2m)
Smith, Paul F. (m)	Whitney, Roland (m)
Spinner, Robert J. (m)	Williamson, Oscar (f)
Stone, Ellen L. (m)	Wilson, T. Arthur E. (m)
Stone, William F. (m)	Woodard, Clark E. (s)
Sullivan, Margaret (m)	Woodruff, David (m)
Szylvian, Adam (m)	Wright, Frank A. (m)
Tandus, John (m)	Wright, Mary Elizabeth (f)
Taylor, William R. (m)	York, J. Ellsworth (m)
Thomas, Mary (m)	Zubowicz, Leon (m)

NOTE: (m) Male; (f) Female; (s) Spayed Female.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION—FEBRUARY 14, 1944

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	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of ballots cast .....	137	126	29	176	468

## SELECTMAN

Cyril A. Blaney .....	65	96	15	149	325
Samuel A. Richards .....	57	26	13	18	114
Joe Perkins .....	1	0	0	0	1
William Wright .....	1	0	0	0	1
W. R. Taylor .....	1	0	0	0	1
Ralph E. Cole .....	0	1	0	0	1
Edward J. Spinner .....	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	12	3	1	8	24

## ASSESSOR

Edward F. Harrington .....	114	96	27	129	366
Blanks .....	23	30	2	47	102

## TREASURER

Charlotte P. Greig .....	120	91	27	114	352
Hilda Bosworth .....	1	0	0	0	1
Genevieve Healy .....	2	0	0	0	2
John S. Greig .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	13	35	2	62	112

## TAX COLLECTOR

David I. Olsson .....	123	95	26	121	365
Dotty Sutherland .....	1	0	0	0	1
Angus McDonald .....	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	13	31	3	54	101

## CONSTABLE

John F. Sullivan .....	114	95	25	126	360
Blanks .....	23	31	4	50	108

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

William L. Wall .....	110	81	24	121	336
Ralph E. Cole .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	26	45	5	55	131

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Ralph E. Cole .....	61	40	8	33	142
Thomas McKniff .....	1	0	0	0	1
Alice Day .....	1	0	0	0	1
Dr. Cowles .....	1	0	0	0	1
Perley Carkin .....	1	0	0	0	1
Ralph Coleman .....	0	0	0	1	1
William Supple .....	0	0	0	1	1
William R. Taylor .....	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	72	86	21	140	319

### MODERATOR

Ben W. Drew .....	118	80	24	94	316
Arthur Hildreth .....	1	0	0	0	1
Ed Clements .....	1	0	0	0	1
Robert Hunter .....	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	17	46	5	81	149

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Robert M. Hunter .....	90	59	21	66	236
F. Stanley Smith .....	120	84	21	109	334
Thomas McKniff .....	2	0	0	18	20
Edwin J. Webber .....	0	0	0	1	1
Walter Bohenko .....	0	0	0	1	1
Tim Prescott .....	0	0	0	1	1
James O'Hara .....	0	0	0	1	1
James Kelly, Jr. ....	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	62	109	16	154	341

### TRUSTEE OF J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

Alice M. Howard .....	119	76	22	104	321
Blanks .....	18	50	7	72	147

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

Sebastian B. Watson .....	119	76	23	104	322
Edward Spinner .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	17	50	6	72	145

# TREE WARDEN

Harry L. Nesmith .....	113	83	23	112	331
Robert Spinner .....	1	0	0	0	1
Marion Fletcher .....	0	1	0	0	1
Wm. E. Wright .....	0	0	1	0	1
Victor Daly .....	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	23	42	5	63	133

We hereby certify that the above is a true canvass of the votes cast at the Annual Town Election held February 14, 1944.

Attest:

ALBERT R. WALL

JAMES J. McKNIFF

NORMAN E. DAY

CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Registrars of Voters.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—FEBRUARY 21, 1944

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, February 21, 1944, at one o'clock P. M., the following business was transacted:

Ben W. Drew, Town Moderator, was sworn in by Charles L. Hildreth, Town Clerk, and called the meeting to order.

Rev. Richard B. Carleton, Pastor of the First Parish Church United, offered prayer.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

Article 1. Voted that the Reports of the Finance Committee, other Committees, Boards and Officers be accepted as corrected.

Article 2. Voted that the compensation of Town Officers be as follows: Selectman, Chairman \$200.00; other two members \$175.00 each; Board of Public Welfare, Chairman \$20.00; other two members \$10.00 each; Town Treasurer \$1,300.00; Town Clerk \$250.00; Collector of Taxes, .75 of 1% of the amount collected; Tree Warden \$0.53 per hour; Assessors \$4.50 per day of eight hours; Registrars and Assistant Registrars of Voters \$4.50 per day of eight hours, for listing as required by law.

### Article 3.

1. Vote that the sum of \$9,125.00 be raised and appropriated for General Government, divided as follows: Selectmen \$750.00; License Expense \$75.00; Town Treasurer \$1,650.00; Town Accountant \$975.00; Assessors \$1,400.00; Tax Collector \$1,750.00; Town Counsel \$200.00; Tax Title Expense \$500.00; Town Clerk \$525.00; Election and Registration \$1,300.00.
2. Voted that the sum of \$2,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the General Expenses of the Town Hall.
3. Voted that the sum of \$6,125.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Police Department, divided as follows: General Expenses \$6,375.00; Road Marking \$150.00.

4. Voted that the sum of \$4,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Fire Department, divided as follows: General Expenses \$4,000.00; Permanent man \$500.00.
5. Voted that the sum of \$3,350.00 be raised and appropriated for Fire Hydrants.
6. Voted that the sum of \$125.00 be raised and appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.
7. Voted that the sum of \$75.00 be raised and appropriated for the Salary and Expenses of the Fish and Game Warden.
8. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of Fighting Forest Fires.
9. Voted that the sum of \$100.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Town Forest.
10. Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Tree Warden.
11. Voted that the sum of \$900.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Moth Department.
12. Voted that the sum of \$3,500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Health Department.
13. Voted that the sum of \$150.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Cattle Inspector.
14. a. Voted that the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated for Snow and Ice Removal.  
b. Voted that the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated for Town Roads.  
c. Voted that the sum of \$10,375.00 be appropriated for Roads under Chapter 81.  
d. Voted that the sum of \$3,000.00 be appropriated for Maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, on condition that like amounts be contributed by either or both the State and County respectively, to be used in conjunction therewith.
15. Voted that the sum of \$32,300.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Welfare Department, divided as follows: Temporary Aid and Infirmary \$12,300.00; Aid to Dependent Children \$3,500.00; Old Age Assistance \$16,500.00.

16. Voted that the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Soldiers' Benefits.
17. Voted that the sum of \$79,500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the General Expenses of the School Department.
18. Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for Vocational School Tuition.
19. Voted that the sum of \$2,400.00 be raised and appropriated, together with the receipts from Dog Licenses in 1943, for the expenses of the Public Library.
20. Voted that the sum of \$250.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of the Common.
21. Voted that the sum of \$250.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of Commemorating Memorial Day.
22. Voted that the sum of \$700.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of Publishing and Distributing the Town Reports.
23. Voted that the sum of \$1,100.00 be raised and appropriated for Compensation Insurance.
24. Voted that the sum of \$3,850.00 be raised and appropriated for Fire Insurance.  
Voted to take up Article 16 before Article 3 Item 25.

Article 16. Voted that the sum of \$9,185.85 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of purchasing and cancelling Outstanding Notes of the Town representing the balance due on the Frost School Loan, so called.

Article 3.

25. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for General Loans.
26. Voted that the sum of \$21.25 be raised and appropriated for Interest on General Loans.
27. Voted that the sum of \$250.00 be raised and appropriated for Interest on Revenue Loans.
28. Voted that the sum of \$2,300.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of Cemeteries.
29. Voted to postpone action on this Item as to Street Lights until Article 13 has been taken up.

30. Voted that the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6.
31. Voted that the sum of \$1,442.02 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying Unpaid Bills of 1943, to be divided as follows: Police Department, City of Lowell \$5.00; Fire Department, Scott's Service \$22.94, Lowell Electric Light Corp. \$5.76, American Fire Equipment \$4.00, North Side Jenny Service Station \$1.34, E. H. Gould \$2.97, Peter Clement \$18.50, Total \$55.51; Health Department, Whitney's Repair Shop \$1.75, F. and E. Bailey \$2.17, Total \$3.92; Whitney Playground, Red & White Food Store \$6.14; Infirmary, Dr. Cowles \$5.00, A. G. Pollard Co. \$7.55, Lowell Electric Light Corp. \$8.85, Middlesex Supply Co \$10.93; Total \$32.33; Temporary Aid, Mass. Department of Public Welfare \$115.50, Division of Child Guardianship \$286.00, A-Ba-Co., Inc. \$2.25, Lowell Board of Public Welfare \$258.00, Total \$661.75; Old Age Assistance, Sundry persons \$454.37. Dr. Blaney \$167.00, Total \$621.37; Soldiers' Benefits, Dr. Blaney \$56.00.

Article 4. Voted unanimously that the Town Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the current financial year and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 5. Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to act as its Agent in any suit or suits which may arise during the current year, with authority to settle and adjust claims or demands for or against the Town, and to employ Counsel whenever in their judgment it is advisable so to do.

Article 6. Voted that the sum of \$1,403.78 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the Town's share of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital as assessed in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws.

Article 7. Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of the Whitney Playground.

8. Voted that the Town transfer to the Account entitled Excess and Deficiency Account the unexpended balance of the sum appro-

priated at the Annual Meeting, February 16, 1942 for the purpose set forth in Chapter 81 of the General Laws, and also to transfer to said Account the unexpended balance of the appropriations of prior years for the purpose of carrying on Federal and State Projects, commonly called W.P.A. Projects.

Article 9. Voted not to dismiss this Article.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for band Concerts.

Article 10. Voted that the Town rescind that portion of the Vote under Article 15 of the Warrant for the Annual Meeting, February 17, 1941 relating to the housing and use of the Town Sprayer and that said Town Sprayer be placed under the supervision and control of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 11. Voted that the sum of \$1,200.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the Salaries and Expenses of the Ration Board, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Westford Ration Board.

Article 12. Voted that the sum of \$2,773.43 be transferred from the Machinery Fund to the Highway Equipment Account.

Article 13. Voted to dismiss this Article relative to Street Lights.

Article 14. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to install five additional lights on Tyngsboro Road.

Voted to take up Article 3, Item 29.

Article 3. 29. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,020.00 for Street Lights.

Article 15. Voted that the sum of \$93.75 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying into the Contributory Retirement System the Town's portion of the amount which would have been paid into said Retirement System by former Westford teachers who are now in the military or naval services, all as provided in Section 9 of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941, as amended by Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 17. Voted that a Committee of five be appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of investigating the advisability of the enactment of new By-Laws, said Committee to report its finders and conclusions at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 18. Voted to dismiss this Article relative to changing the hours of voting and the time of holding the business meeting of the Town.

Article 19. Voted to dismiss this Article relative to a By-Law establishing a quorum etc.

Article 20. Voted that the sum of \$10.00 be raised and appropriated for Demonstration Work in Agriculture and Home Economics, and that a Director be elected, under the Provisions of Chapter 128, Sections 40-45 of the General Laws, as amended, Mabel M. Nixon was elected by ballot.

Article 21. Voted that the Town accept a gift made to it during the year 1943 by the Solomon Hyams Fund, Inc.

Article 22. Moved that the Board of Assessors be authorized to use as Free Cash a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00, such amount to be approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth and said sum to be applied in determining the tax rate for the current year 1944.

Voted to amend this motion by striking out the figure \$15,000.00 and inserting in place thereof "Not over \$10,000.00".

Voted that the Board of Assessors be authorized to use as Free Cash a sum of money not over \$10,000.00, such amount to be approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth, and said sum to be applied in determining the tax rate for the current year 1944.

Article 23. Voted to accept the minutes of the Meeting.

Article 24. Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

## STATE ELECTION—NOVEMBER 7, 1944

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Party Designations: (R) Republican; (D) Democrat; (SL) Socialist Labor; (P) Prohibition.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole Number of Ballots Cast	477	439	190	484	1590

### ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Dewey and Bricker (R) .....	335	104	123	67	629
Roosevelt and Truman (D) .....	130	319	63	392	904
Teichert and Albaugh (SL) .....	0	0	0	0	0
Watson and Johnson (P) .....	0	0	0	0	0
Douglas A. MacArthur .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	11	16	4	25	56

### GOVERNOR

Horace T. Cahill (R) .....	333	95	113	63	604
Maurice J. Tobin (D) .....	130	313	75	404	922
Henning A. Blomen (SL) .....	4	3	1	0	8
Guy S. Williams (P) .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	10	28	1	17	56

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Robert F. Bradford (R) .....	377	139	136	119	771
John B. Carr (D) .....	80	251	42	336	709
Alfred Erickson (P) .....	0	1	0	0	1
George Leo McGlynn (SL) .....	2	2	3	1	8
Blanks .....	18	46	9	28	101

### SECRETARY

Frederic W. Cook (R) .....	376	148	143	120	787
Margaret M. O'Riordan (D) .....	74	229	36	324	663
Horace I. Hillis (SL) .....	3	4	0	2	9
Blanks .....	24	58	11	38	131

### TREASURER

Fred J. Burrell (R) .....	328	110	124	79	641
John E. Hurley (D) .....	118	265	57	369	809
Herbert Crabtree (SL) .....	2	3	1	1	7
Earle L. Smith (P) .....	1	3	0	0	4
Blanks .....	28	58	8	35	129

## AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley (D) .....	107	250	53	352	762
Frank A. Goodwin (R) .....	342	117	125	97	681
Gote Elvel Palmquist (SL) .....	3	4	2	0	9
Charles E. Vaughan (P) .....	0	2	1	0	3
Blanks .....	25	66	9	35	135

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

Clarence A. Barnes (R) .....	361	114	127	84	686
Francis E. Kelly (D) .....	82	250	54	361	747
Fred E. Oelcher (SL) .....	5	6	2	0	13
Howard B. Rand (P) .....	0	2	0	0	2
Blanks .....	29	67	7	39	142

## SENATOR IN CONGRESS—To fill vacancy

John H. Corcoran (D) .....	69	227	35	313	644
Leverett Saltonstall (R) .....	388	159	144	145	836
Bernard G. Kelly (SL) .....	3	5	1	3	12
E. Tallmadge Root (P) .....	1	1	0	0	2
Blanks .....	16	47	10	23	96

## CONGRESSMAN—Fifth District

Edith Nourse Rogers (R) .....	408	213	154	226	1001
Milton A. Wesson (D) .....	54	185	31	234	504
Blanks .....	15	41	5	24	85

## COUNCILLOR—Third District

Frank A. Brooks (R) .....	378	177	142	195	892
Mildred Shea .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	98	262	48	289	697

## SENATOR—First Middlesex District

Joseph F. Montminy (R) .....	352	143	135	135	765
George W. Murray (D) .....	83	225	40	208	656
Blanks .....	42	71	15	41	169

# REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

## Eleventh Middlesex District

John H. Valentine (R) .....	382	202	157	236	977
Arthur Healy .....	2	0	0	0	2
Samuel A. Richards .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	92	237	33	248	610

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—Middlesex County

### Vote for two

William G. Andrew (R) .....	323	98	119	77	617
Nathaniel I. Bowditch (R) .....	291	89	95	54	529
Thomas B. Brennan (D) .....	61	187	22	255	525
Augustine F. Watson (D) .....	92	204	44	300	640
Blanks .....	187	300	100	282	869

## SHERIFF—Middlesex County

Joseph M. McElroy (D-R) .....	383	222	143	263	1011
Blanks .....	94	217	47	221	579

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER—Middlesex County

### To fill vacancy

Melvin G. Rogers (R) .....	385	189	142	197	913
Blanks .....	92	250	48	287	677

## QUESTION NO. 1—REFERENDUM

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Yes .....	213	101	73	112	499
No .....	24	18	10	17	69
Blanks .....	240	320	107	355	1022

## QUESTION NO. 2—PARDONING

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Yes .....	155	89	74	118	436
No .....	102	38	23	43	206
Blanks .....	220	312	93	323	948

## QUESTION NO. 3—BIENNIALS

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Yes .....	92	59	45	115	311
No .....	197	74	58	59	388
Blanks .....	188	306	87	310	891

QUESTION NO. 4—ABSENT VOTING  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Yes .....	235	109	86	150	580
No .....	40	21	14	25	100
Blanks .....	202	309	90	309	910

QUESTION NO. 5—GAMES OF CHANCE  
LAW SUBMITTED UPON REFERENDUM AFTER PASSAGE

Yes .....	181	76	63	111	431
No .....	75	51	32	53	211
Blanks .....	221	312	95	320	948

1. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

Yes .....	183	178	98	271	730
No .....	188	69	43	52	352
Blanks .....	106	192	49	161	508

2. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

Yes .....	199	175	94	261	729
No .....	166	64	37	47	314
Blanks .....	112	200	59	176	547

3. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

Yes .....	216	187	102	270	775
No .....	153	58	33	41	285
Blanks .....	108	194	55	173	530

REPRESENTATIVE VOTE BY TOWNS

	Acton	Carlisle	Chelmsford	Tyngsboro	Westford	Total
John H. Valentine, Chelmsford ....	1186	294	3233	499	977	6189
Arthur Healy, Westford .....					2	2
Samuel A. Richards, Westford .....					1	1
Blanks .....	249	55	719	194	610	1827
Total .....	1435	349	3952	693	1590	8019

## STATEWIDE RECOUNT

This is to certify that at a Statewide Recount of the Votes cast for Attorney General, at the State Election on November 7, 1944, held at the Town Hall, Westford Center, December 15, 1944, 7:00 o'clock P. M., the following is the result:

Clarence A. Barnes .....	685
Francis E. Kelly .....	746
Fred E. Oelcher .....	13
Howard B. Rand .....	3
Blanks .....	143
Total .....	1590

JAMES J. McKNIFF

ALBERT R. WALL

NORMAN E. DAY

CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Board of Registrars of Voters

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Town Clerk

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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January 23, 1945

To the Citizens of Westford:

The Board organized for the year with Arthur M. Whitley, Chairman, Arthur L. Healy, Secretary and Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., as the third member.

The reports of various committees and boards are herein printed, also the report of the Annual State Audit.

At a regular meeting held February 23, 1944, the Board appointed Mr. W. Arthur Perrins, Temporary Chairman of the Veterans Rehabilitation Committee and also Youth Guidance Committee. The members of the committee are to consist of the present Chairman of all Local Organizations.

The Board appointed Mr. W. R. Taylor, Chairman of a Local Historical Committee, upon the request of the Massachusetts Public Safety Committee.

Signed:

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY

ARTHUR L. HEALY

CYRIL P. BLANEY

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

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Board of Selectmen,

Westford, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1944

Chapter 81 and General Maintenance:

The usual highway maintenance was carried out this year, which included the use of gravel, tar, pea stone, and patch on our various roads and those that come under our Chapter 81 contract.

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

The usual maintenance of Chapter 90 Highways was carried out again this year under the provisions of the contract. All of our Chapter 90 roads are in good condition. We continued to use a new surface treatment that was recommended to us by the State last year on our Chapter 90 roads. This treatment consists of an application of tar and pea gravel which is mixed and leveled by a power grader, pea stone is applied as a binder and a thorough rolling completes the construction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. AUSTIN HEALY,

Highway Superintendent.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Westford, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1944 for the Police Department.

Report to the Department of Correction has been made.

Arrests made .....	28
Assault and battery .....	2
Abandoned autos .....	6
Ambulance calls .....	18
Auto violations .....	12
Auto accidents .....	10
Auto transfers .....	94
Auto registrations .....	8
Auto Licenses suspended .....	14
Auto Licenses revoked .....	15
Appeals case to Superior Court .....	6
Cases in Ayer Court .....	14
Collected for beer licenses .....	\$1760.00
Complaints against dog .....	21
Complaints against minors .....	56
Complaints investigated cruelty to animals .....	2
Complaints on dead animals left on top of ground .....	6
Complaints on Suspicious persons .....	22
Camps broken into .....	7
Dog Killed by Automobiles .....	6
Dog shot .....	10
Duty at public gathering .....	26
Dances .....	16
Driving under the influence of Liquor .....	6
Driving so to endanger .....	4
Disturbance of the peace .....	16
Drunkenness .....	16
Driving without licenses .....	4
Fruit Thieves .....	6

Family Disturbances .....	62
Fires attended .....	8
Funerals Attended .....	18
Idle and disorderly .....	7
Investigations made .....	368
In Lockup at Town Farm .....	21
Jurors .....	9
Breaking and entering in the night time .....	3
Men taken to Jail .....	8
Leaving scene after injury to property .....	3
Larceny Complaints .....	38
Notices posted .....	16
Public Nuisances in beer places .....	72
Pedestrians struck by automobiles .....	3
Petty Complaints .....	572
Summonses and notices served .....	56
Warrant served .....	14
Electric wires down on street .....	8
Lay watching in different places .....	18
Inspection of Camps weekly in the winter time .....	85
Malicious injury to property .....	5
Patients taken to Gardner State Hospital .....	2

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, Court officers, Officer Connell, and the other Special Officers of the Town of Westford, for their advice, cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SULLIVAN,

Chief of Police

## JURY LIST—1944

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Address</i>
Abrahamson, Harry B.	Truck Driver	Frances Hill Road
Anderson, Howard V.	Machinist	Graniteville Rd.
Beebe, Walter O.	Machinist	Broadway St.
Bohenko, Walter P.	Millhand	Prescott St.
Brown, James H.	Wool Sorter	21 Prescott St.
Buckshorn, Fisher	Orchardist	Depot St.
Budko, George	Millhand	Off Coolidge St.
Carpentier, Clifford G.	Core Maker	River St.
Carpentier, Frederick F.	Core Maker	Cross St.
Cavanagh, Norman C.	Millhand	Prescott St.
Chandonait, Homer O.	Die Maker	Concord Rd.
Charlton, Henry F.	Clerk	River St.
Costello, Joseph F.	Wool Sorter	Pershing St.
Couture, Alfred J.	Carpenter	North St.
Curley, Thomas	Fireman	Boston Rd.
Daly, Arthur F.	Wool Sorter	8 Pershing St.
Dennechuk, Peter	Millhand	Broadway St.
Dunigan, Paul L.	Clerk	Fourth St.
Fletcher, Walter N.	Insurance Agent	Main St.
Fletcher, Walter W.	Farmer	Plain Rd.
Greig, John S.	Funeral Director	Main St.
Hobson, Albert F.	Millhand	6 Lincoln Ave.
Holt, Donald	Machinist	Pond St.
Hunt, Edmund J.	Retired	Prescott St.
Ingalls, Frank G.	Machinist	Brookside Rd.
Johnstone, Thomas	Farmer	Chamberlin Rd.
Kavanagh, William J.	Painter	Palermo St.
Kelly, John W.	Wool Sorter	Abbot St.
Kelly, Thomas J.	Foreman	Pershing St.
LeDuc, Francis A.	Chauffeur	River St.
LeDuc, Henry A.	Checker	Third St.
McIntosh, John	Millhand	Concord Rd.
McMurray, John	Painter	28 Pleasant St.
Menard, Guy M.	Millhand	Pine St.
Milot, Anthony	Millhand	9 Bradford St.
Milot, Charles	Second-hand	Pine St.
Mungovan, James W.	Second-hand	Third St.
Oliphant, Vernon L.	Millhand	Pleasant St.
Olsson, David I.	Tax Collector	Boston Rd.

Parmentier, Joseph  
 Polley, Amos B.  
 Regan, John E.  
 Rogers, Edmund D.  
 Scott, Everett A.  
 Seavey, Marden H.  
 Stepinski, Edward J.  
 Stone, Stanley K.  
 Stuart, Earl  
 Venn, James  
 Venn, John J.  
 Whitcomb, Leroy H.

Insurance Agent  
 Farmer  
 Millhand  
 Truck Driver  
 Garage Owner  
 Laborer  
 Quarryman  
 Carpenter  
 Fireman  
 Millhand  
 Wool Sorter  
 Laborer

Main St. G.  
 Lowell Rd.  
 River St.  
 Pleasant St.  
 Abbot St.  
 Main St.  
 First St.  
 Concord Rd.  
 Broadway  
 Palermo St.  
 Prescott St.  
 Lowell Rd.

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY

ARTHUR L. HEALY

CYRIL A. BLANEY

Selectmen of Westford.

January 9, 1945.

## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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To the Citizens of the Town of Westford:

I herewith present the annual report of the Town Accountant in accordance with the General Laws.

All are reminded that all books are open to the public for inspection at any time.

### RECEIPTS

#### General Revenue

##### Taxes:

###### Current Year:

Poll .....	\$ 1,576.00	
Personal .....	14,033.95	
Real Estate .....	106,046.80	\$121,656.75

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###### Previous Years:

Poll .....	\$ 64.00	
Personal .....	604.31	
Real Estate .....	15,402.24	\$ 16,070.55

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Tax Title Redemption .....	\$ 326.64
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###### From State:

Corporation Tax .....	\$ 29,036.00
Income Tax .....	17,974.00 \$ 47,010.00

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##### Permits and Licenses:

Liquor .....	\$ 2,049.06	
All other .....	29.50	
Permits .....	16.50	
Milk permits .....	12.50	
Movie .....	42.00	
Gas .....	31.50	\$ 2,181.06

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##### Fines:

Court .....	\$ 16.80
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##### Grants and Gifts:

###### From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance .....	\$ 14,046.14
Aid to Dependent Children .....	2,098.05 \$ 16,144.19

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Withholding Tax .....	\$ 9,107.38
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From State:

Vocational Tuition .....	\$ 1,393.28	
Roads—Chap. 569 .....	8,616.29	
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax ..	669.98	\$ 10,679.55

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From County:

Dog Licenses .....	\$ 449.64
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Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:

Current year .....	\$ 4,203.57	
Previous years .....	654.40	\$ 4,857.97

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Departmental Revenue:

Collector .....	\$ 45.91	
Town Hall .....	61.60	\$ 107.51

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Protection of persons and property:

Sealer whts & msrs. ....	41.25
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Highways:

State .....	\$ 12,976.98	
County .....	3,565.12	\$ 16,542.10

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Highway Machinery Fund .....	\$ 2,559.00
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Welfare:

Infirmary .....	\$ 7,728.74	
Temporary Aid—State .....	240.00	
Aid Dependent Children—State	2,060.68	
Old Age Assistance—State .....	11,445.41	
Old Age Assistance—Towns .....	127.69	\$ 21,602.52

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Soldiers' Benefits:

State Aid .....	\$ 40.00	
Military Aid .....	40.00	
Soldiers' Burials .....	100.00	
World War II .....	20.00	\$ 200.00

Schools:

Tuition: .....	\$ 570.65	
All other .....	13.40	\$ 584.05

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Library—Fines .....	\$	61.40
Whitney Playground from General .....	\$	100.00
Cemeteries:		
Lot care .....	\$	602.00
Opening Graves .....		357.00
From Bank .....	4.20 \$	963.20
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Interest:		
Deferred Taxes .....	\$	651.68
Monument Fund .....	48.75 \$	700.43
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Municipal Indebtedness		
Anticipation of Revenue .....	\$	1,000.00
Anticipation of Reimbursement..	15,000.00 \$	16,000.00
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County Dog Licenses .....	\$	488.40
Trust:		
Perpetual Care .....	\$	950.00
Interest .....		743.15
Transferred to Bonds from Bank .....		1,000.00
Solomon Hyams .....		300.00
Library—Burbeck .....		1,000.00
Sale Cemetery lots .....		30.00
Refunds:		
Departmental .....	\$	244.98
All other .....		1,22
Tailings .....		7.00
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Total .....	\$	292,726.24
Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1944 .....	\$	92,234.44
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		\$384,960.68

## EXPENDITURES

### General Government:

#### Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$	670.00
Stationery and Advertising .....	37.33 \$	707.33
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License Expenses—Adv. ....	\$	52.41

Town Treasurer:

Salary .....	\$	1,300.00	
Stationery .....		157.37	
Bond and Insurance .....		136.00	
Check writer .....		47.50	
All other .....	3.96	\$	1,644.83

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Tax Title Rev. ....	\$	123.75	
Tax Title Expense ..	\$	494.00	

Town Accountant:

Salary .....	\$	900.00	
Stationery .....		21.65	
All other .....	20.00	\$	941.65

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Tax Collector:

Commission .....	\$	1,074.45	
Legal Services .....		47.40	
Printing and Stationery .....		295.71	
Bond and Insurance .....		229.75	
All other .....	53.50	\$	1,700.81

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Assessors:

Wages .....	\$	624.50	
Clerk .....		275.00	
Legal Service .....		50.00	
Stationery .....		49.56	
Recording Deeds .....		61.75	
All other .....	18.00	\$	1,078.81

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Town Counsel .....	\$	200.00	
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Town Clerk:

Salary .....L.....	\$	250.00	
Recording Fees .....		135.00	
Printing and Stationery .....		105.82	
All other .....	37.69	\$	528.51

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Registration and Election:

Registrars, Wages .....	\$	214.00	
Election Officers, Wages .....		888.50	
Clerk .....		166.00	
Printing and Stationery .....		78.75	

Listing .....	126.00	
Rent .....	132.00	
Advertising .....	95.00	
All other .....	3.60	\$ 1,703.85

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Town Hall:

Janitor .....	\$ 1,107.94	
Fuel .....	434.02	
Light .....	95.26	
Janitor's supplies .....	23.09	
Repairs .....	458.45	
Water rates .....	16.00	
Flags .....	4.52	
Telephone .....	130.86	
Light fixtures .....	157.56	\$ 2,427.69

Protection of Persons and Property:

Compensation Insurance .....	\$ 1,054.59	
Fire Insurance .....	1,613.49	\$ 2,688.08

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Police Dept.:

Salaries .....	\$ 4,600.00	
Special Officers .....	277.20	
Auto .....	468.75	
Auto Upkeep .....	197.24	
Gasoline .....	335.43	
Insurance .....	61.04	
Telephone .....	135.04	
Radio service .....	60.35	
Street Marking .....	149.52	
Rent .....	48.00	
All other .....	32.28	\$ 6,364.85

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Fire Dept.:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 1,316.64	
Apparatus:		
Truck upkeep .....	\$ 782.86	
Gasoline .....	134.90	
Insurance .....	823.93	
Rep. Alarm .....	15.50	
Extinguishers .....	221.38	
Hose .....	84.99	\$ 2,063.56

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Other Expense:			
Building .....	\$	151.18	
Telephone .....		77.61	
Fuel and Light .....		588.55	
Water .....		13.68	
All other .....		13.30	\$ 844.32
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Hydrants .....	\$	3,290.00	
Permanent Man .....		500.00	\$ 8,014.52
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Sealer of Weights and Measures.....			\$ 125.00
Game Warden .....			75.00
Forestry:			
Moth Dept.			
Labor .....	\$	694.72	
Equipment .....		62.39	
Arsenate of Lead .....		142.20	\$ 899.31
Tree Warden .....	\$	499.31	\$ 1,398.62
Forest Fires:			
Labor .....	\$	987.60	
All other .....		43.99	\$ 1,031.59
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Health Department:			
Administration .....	\$	50.00	
Office Supplies .....		34.75	
Contagious Diseases:			
Medical .....		12.00	
Reimbursement .....		45.00	
Tuberculosis, Board & Treatment .....		549.00	
Nurse, Salary .....		1,470.00	
Auto, Upkeep .....		520.96	
Dentist .....		216.00	
Dentist supplies .....		14.08	
Dump Labor .....		212.00	
Milk Inspection .....		50.00	
Liquor Inspections .....		24.00	
Camp Inspections .....		24.00	
Insurance .....		45.28	
Vaccination .....		103.82	
Serum .....		32.15	
All other .....		48.00	
Cattle Inspector .....		150.00	\$ 3,601.04
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Street Lights, Current .....				\$ 6,782.66
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Highway Department:

Snow and Ice Removal:

Wages .....	\$ 1,502.83			
Trucks .....	932.50			
Repairs .....	22.70			
Calcium Chloride .....	242.25			
Sand-Cogger .....	292.30	\$	2,992.58	

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Town Roads:

Salary .....	\$ 71.15			
Sand .....	160.21			
Pipe .....	44.70			
All other .....	46.17	\$	322.23	

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Chapter 81

Wages .....	\$ 7,646.91			
Expenses .....	210.80			
Town Equipment .....	1,980.00			
Hired Equipment .....	537.50			
Cement and Brick .....	578.54			
Gravel and Sand-Stone .....	2,967.17			
Asphalt and Tar .....	4,353.70			
Painting signs .....	76.75			
Guard posts .....	299.00	\$	18,650.37	

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Chapter 90 Roads

Wages .....	\$ 1,872.25			
Expenses .....	42.00			
Town Equipment .....	384.00			
Hired Equipment .....	543.00			
Gravel—Std—Stone .....	2,628.44			
Tar .....	3,529.39	\$	8,999.08	

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Machinery Account

Repairs and Upkeep .....	\$ 946.43			
Garage .....	298.75			
Supplies .....	182.25			
Socony-Gasoline .....	512.25			
Broom sweeper .....	65.00			
All other .....	184.88			
Fleet Insurance .....	145.00	\$	2,334.56	\$ 33,298.82

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Welfare Department:

Salary .....	\$	997.77	
Stationery and postage .....		69.24	
Other expenses .....		184.56	
Cash grants .....		855.00	
State Institutions .....		398.50	
Board and care .....		234.82	
Phone .....		38.88	
Infirmary (See Welfare Report) .....		9,038.02	
Outside Relief by Town .....		822.00	
Aid to Dep. Children .....		6,228.45	
Old Age Assistance .....		29,921.90	
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			\$ 48,789.14

Soldiers' Benefits

Administration .....	\$	308.10	
Military Aid .....		120.00	
State Aid .....		151.40	
World War II .....		44.85	
Cash .....	\$	112.15	
Provisions .....		10.00	
Medical .....		327.95	
Fuel .....		21.40	
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			\$ 1,095.85

Schools:

Administration:

Sup. ....	\$	2,906.25	
Clerk .....		818.80	
Printing and Stationery .....		68.51	
Census .....		85.00	
Traveling .....		150.50	
All other .....		239.03	\$ 4,268.09
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Teachers:

Academy .....	\$	13,766.19	
Elementary .....		33,580.61	
Writing .....		607.50	\$ 47,954.30
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Supplies:

Academy .....	\$	1,132.41	
Elementary .....		591.39	\$ 1,723.80
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Janitors:

Academy .....	\$	2,024.62	
Elementary .....		4,201.68	\$ 6,226.30
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Fuel:			
Academy .....	\$	1,281.00	
Elementary .....		2,086.04	\$ 3,367.04
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Maintenance and Bldgs.			
Academy:			
Light .....	\$	280.11	
Telephone .....		120.83	
Janitors' Supplies .....		260.70	
Elementary:			
Light .....	\$	328.02	
Telephone .....		62.49	
Janitors' supplies .....		280.44	\$ 1,332.59
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Repairs:			
Academy .....	\$	1,053.41	
Elementary .....		2,940.17	\$ 3,993.58
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Furniture and Fixtures:			
Academy .....			\$ 155.50
Health:			
Salary and supplies .....			321.47
Transportation .....			8,282.29
Tuition and Transportation .....			280.34
Text Books and Supplies:			
Academy .....	\$	387.60	
Elementary .....		891.31	\$ 1,278.91
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Water .....	\$	270.84	
Road .....		17.50	
All other .....	\$	203.40	
Vocational Tuition .....	\$	368.00	
Retirement .....		93.75	\$ 80,137.70
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Public Library:			
Salaries and Wages .....	\$	1,314.15	
Books and periodicals .....		959.78	
Fuel and Light .....		459.88	
Transportation of books .....		30.00	
Telephone .....		20.43	
Other expense .....		65.28	\$ 3,849.52
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Whitney Playground:

Labor .....	\$	325.20	
Supplies .....		23.91	
Painting Flag pole .....	25.00	\$	374.11

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Metcalf Monument—Labor .....	\$	12.60	
Town Common—Labor etc. ....		289.94	
Band Concerts .....		400.00	
Publishing of Town Reports .....		692.10	
Memorial Day .....		264.00	
Home Economics .....		10.00	
Public Safety .....		247.53	

Rationing:

Salaries .....	\$	945.09	
Rent .....		180.00	
Phone .....		180.88	
Printing and supplies .....		22.37	
Misc. ....	4.21	\$	1,332.55

Cemeteries:

Administration .....	\$	75.00	
Labor .....	\$	1,522.30	
Equipment .....		75.24	
Supplies .....	177.85	\$	1,850.39

Interest:

Loans .....	\$	317.82	
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Municipal Indebtedness:

General Loans .....	\$	11,000.00	
Anticipation of Reimbursement .....	15,000.00	\$	26,000.00
Outstanding Bills .....		\$	1,395.02

Agency and Trust:

State Taxes .....	\$	9,299.63	
County Taxes .....		5,572.59	
T. B. Hospital .....		1,403.78	
Dog Licenses .....	488.40	\$	16,764.40

Refunds

Taxes .....	\$	53.33	
Withholding .....		8,014.21	
Sale Lots .....		30.00	
Perpetual Care .....		1,950.00	
Interest Monument .....		32.50	
Interest Cemetery .....		743.00	

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\$269,609.43

# TOWN OF WESTFORD BALANCE SHEET

## ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Bank .....

\$115,351.15

Accounts Receivable:

1943 Personal ..... \$

36.72

1943 Real Estate .....

3,027.95

1944 Poll .....

24.00

1944 Real Estate .....

8,836.61

1944 Personal .....

408.13

1944 Poll .....

24.00

1944 Excise .....

134.59 \$ 12,468.00

Tax Title Account .....

\$ 1,769.74

Departmental:

Temporary Aid .....

\$ 1,212.05

Infirmary .....

455.78

Aid to Dep. Children .....

16.69

Old Age Assistance .....

298.33

Cemetery Department .....

125.00

World War II .....

152.00 \$ 2,259.85

State Aid to Highways .....

\$ 1,903.53

\$133,752.27

## LIABILITIES

Tax Title Revenue .....

\$ 1,829.86

Overlays:

1943 ..... \$ 592.31

1944 ..... 2,480.00

\$

3,072.31

Victory Tax .....

\$ 1,093.17

Overlay reserve .....

2,212.30

Excise Tax Revenue .....

134.59

Department Accounts Receivable

2,224.85

Loans—Anticipation Reimburse-

ment .....

Tailings Account .....

15,000.00

Compensation Insurance .....

58.20

Power Grader .....

634.62

Highway Equipment .....

5,750.00

Machinery Fund .....

1,448.75

Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....

2,559.00

State Aid to Highway .....

9.77

Whitney Playground Fund .....

1,125.00

Metcalf Monument Fund .....

47.60

Public Safety Committee .....

5.21

Cemetery Lots, Sales .....

163.32

E. & D. ....

30.15

96,353.57

\$133,752.27

# TRUST ACCOUNT

Trust Funds .....	\$ 55,919.19	Library Funds .....	\$ 12,706.08
		E. F. Fletcher Lecture Fund .....	2,000.00
		Whitney Playground Fund .....	10,000.00
		Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....	2,500.00
		Metcalf Monument Fund .....	1,300.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	26,000.00
		Lyman Wilkins Cemetery .....	1,413.11

\$55,919.19

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Income ..... \$ 9,785.79

Library Fund, Income .....	\$ 644.88
E. F. Fletcher Lecture Fund Inc. ....	1,030.18
Whitney Playground Fund Inc. ....	598.03
Whitney Shade Tree Fund Inc. ....	466.85
Metcalf Monument Fund, Inc. ....	474.59
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Inc. ....	6,470.38
Lyman Wilkins Cemetery Fund Inc. ....	100.88

\$ 9,785.79

\$ 9,785.79

Respectfully submitted,

GENEVIEVE A. HEALY,

Town Accountant.

# REPORT OF STATE AUDITOR

## TOWN OF WESTFORD BALANCE SHEET—JUNE 24, 1944 GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### ASSETS

Cash:  
In banks and office .....

\$ 46,581.04

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1942:

Personal ..... \$ 48.07  
Property ..... 2,354.65

Levy of 1943:

Poll ..... 36.00  
Personal ..... 174.32  
Property ..... 7,152.83

Levy of 1944:

Poll ..... 1,518.00  
..... 11,283.87

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Levy of 1943 ..... 73.35  
Levy of 1944 ..... 1,173.03

### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:

In Anticipation of Highway

Reimbursement .....

\$ 15,000.00

Federal Tax Deductions .....

830.99

Overestimate 1943 — State  
Parks and Reservation Tax ...

5.05

Trust Fund Income:

Metcalf Monument Fund ..... \$ 14.46

Whitney Shade Tree ..... 9.77

Cemetery Perpetual Care

Fund ..... 17.50  
41.73

Cemetery Sale of Lots and

Graves .....

30.00

Road Machinery Fund .....

1,338.00

# Tax Titles

## Departmental:

Temporary Aid .....	\$ 1,452.05
Aid to Dependent Children .....	16.69
Old Age Assistance .....	135.33
Military Aid .....	40.00
War Allowance .....	70.00
State Aid .....	30.00
Soldiers' Burials .....	100.00
Cemetery .....	252.00
State Aid to Highways .....	2,096.07
County Aid to Highways .....	13,125.00
Revenue of 1944 .....	3,000.00
Less Estimated Receipts	
Collected .....	194,155.80
	49,655.02
	\$144,500.78
Underestimate 1943:	
County Tax .....	\$ 278.20

# Federal Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children .....	1,028.75
Aid, Administration .....	87.84
Old Age Assistance .....	6,941.06
Unexpended Appropriations Bal-	
ances .....	112,515.64
Tailings .....	58.20
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	2,257.35
Overlays Reserved for Abate-	
ment of Taxes:	
Levy of 1942 .....	\$ 277.63
Levy of 1943 .....	821.07
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	\$ 1,246.38
Tax Title .....	1,678.79
Departmental .....	2,096.07
State and County Aid to	
Highways .....	1,125.00
Surplus Revenue .....	6,146.24
	76,410.58
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	\$223,790.13

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\$223,790.13

## TRUST ACCOUNTS

### Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

Principal .....	\$ 55,769.19
Income .....	9,103.68

Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....	\$ 2,500.00
Library Trust Funds .....	12,706.08
Emily Fletcher Library Lecture Fund .....	2,000.00
Metcalf Monument Fund .....	1,300.00
Lyman E. Wilkins Cemetery Fund .....	1,413.11
Whitney Playground Fund .....	10,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund....	25,850.00
Whitney Shade Tree Fund Income .....	574.98
Library Trust Fund Income .....	438.03
Emily Fletcher Library Fund Income .....	985.24
Metcalf Monument Fund Income .....	471.19
Lyman E. Wilkins Cemetery Fund Income .....	82.65
Whitney Playground Fund Income .....	449.26
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds Income .....	6,102.33
	9,103.68

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\$ 64,872.87

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## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1944:

The various companies responded to 56 alarms other than forest fires; namely, 12 chimney, 8 house, 3 barn, 1 bus, 2 truck, 1 dump, 1 auto, 2 false, 1 foundry, 1 cellar oilstove, 1 tree, 2 fireplace, 1 camp, 1 brooder house, 10 still alarms, 2 calls searching for lost children, and 7 out of town. 48 alarms for forest and grass fires were answered making a total of 104 calls.

While responding to an alarm one morning last April, the Forge Village truck was involved in an accident which caused serious injury to one of the men. He was not released from the hospital until approximately the first of October. Due to the seriousness of the accident the expenses ran considerably over the amount covered by the insurance and we feel that the balance should be paid for by the town. Incidentally, Group Accident Insurance is paid for by the men from their salary. This pays \$500.00 hospital expenses and also pays a weekly salary of \$25.00 for 104 weeks or until time of recovery if less than this time. We are pleased to say that this man is now fully recovered and was released by the physician Dec. 9th.

The installation of power brakes on the smaller trucks which are very necessary was started this year and was the only major repair to the equipment.

Due to the shortage of materials we feel that the appropriation for new fire hose should be abandoned for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND D. ROGERS

HAROLD E. WRIGHT

RICHARD W. HALL

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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As Tree Warden I have attended to the removal of many broken limbs from trees and also the clearing of dead trees from the roadside.

I still think it would be advisable to set out some Maple shade trees on Depot Street.

A great many of the trees are still in a poor condition because of broken limbs caused by high winds and winter storms. I would suggest an appropriation of \$500.00 to take care of this work.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. NESMITH,

Tree Warden.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

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### DEPUTIES

Edmund D. Rogers  
Harold E. Wright  
Richard W. Hall  
Hubert V. Raymond

Reginald Blowey  
F. Everett Miller  
Thomas Curley  
Austin D. Fletcher

All fires this year were of a minor nature except one four hour fire on Chamberlin Road.

Permits must be obtained for all fires in the open unless there is snow on the ground.

The usual sum of \$1000 is asked for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO R. LARKIN,

Forest Warden.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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Balance on hand January 1, 1944 .....	\$ 92,234.44
Total Receipts to December 31, 1944 .....	292,726.24
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	\$384,960.68
Balance on hand December 31, 1944 .....	\$115,351.15
Total payments to December 31, 1944 .....	269,609.53
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	\$384,960.68

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE P. GREIG,

Treasurer.

## REPORT OF FISH AND GAME WARDEN

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I hereby submit my annual report as Fish and Game Warden for the Town of Westford.

You will find listed below the fish and birds liberated in the Town of Westford, in 1944:

June 25— 9 Hen Pheasants.  
Aug. 12—12 Hens—18 Cocks.  
Aug. 4—Forge Pond—2015 Pond Fish.  
Aug. 9—Keyes Pond—2015 Pond Fish.  
Aug. 9—Nabnasset Pond—2015 Pond Fish.  
Aug. 9—Long Sought For Pond—1200 Brook Trout, 4-5 inches.

I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone for the sincere co-operation you have accorded me.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND L. PROVOST,

Game Warden.

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford, I submit the following reports for 1944:

Number of Platform Scales over 5000 lbs. ....	3
Number of Platform Scales under 5000 lbs ....	32
Number of Counter Scales .....	13
Number of Spring Scales under 100 lbs. ....	18
Number of Spring Scales over 100 lbs. ....	4
Number of Computing Scales under 100 lbs. ....	8
Number of Weights Sealed .....	90
Number of Liquid Measures Sealed .....	5
Number of Gasoline Measuring Pumps Sealed .....	2
Number of Gasoline Meters Sealed .....	11
Number of Kerosene Pumps Sealed .....	2
Number of Oil Measuring Pumps Sealed .....	3
Number of Quantity Measures on Pumps .....	10
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Total Sealed .....	201

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

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### YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

Value of Buildings, January 1, 1944.....	\$2,507,260.00
Value of Land, January 1, 1944 .....	787,905.00
Value of Personal Property, January 1, 1944 ....	414,845.00

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Total Valuation ..... \$3,710,010.00

### APPROPRIATION FOR YEAR 1944

Annual Town Meeting February 21, 1944 .....	\$194,789.23
State Taxes .....	\$ 9,299.63
County Taxes .....	7,254.57
1944 Overlay Fund .....	3,956.34

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\$ 20,510.54

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Total Amount to be Raised ..... \$215,299.77

Total Estimated Receipts ..... 83,232.71

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Total Amount to be Raised on Polls and  
Property ..... \$132,067.06

Total Excise Tax Committments ..... \$ 4,394.02

Tax Rate, \$35.00 per Thousand.

Number of Polls .....	1,108
Number of Horses .....	55
Number of Cows .....	363
Number of Neat Cattle .....	126
Number of Swine .....	538
Number of Sheep .....	34
Number of Fowl .....	35,437
Number of Acres of Land .....	18,000
Number of Dwelling Houses .....	1,220

# ABATEMENTS

	Poll	Property	Excise
1942 .....	\$ ——— \$	332.53 \$	———
1943 .....	34.00	327.42 \$	75.45
1944 .....	628.00	520.70	57.09

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD F. HARRINGTON

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER

Assessors of Westford.

January 1, 1945

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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I herewith submit my report as Tax Collector for the Town of Westford for the year ending December 31, 1944.

Any questions in regard to the assessments of taxes should be presented to the Board of Assessors.

	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944
1942 Warrant Dated June 28, 1942 Real Estate	\$ 6,057.54	None
1942 Warrant Dated June 28, 1942 Personal		
Property .....	231.87	None
1942 Warrant Dated Dec. 21, 1942 Excise .....	2.00	None
1943 Warrant Dated May 20, 1943 Poll .....	86.00	None
1943 Warrant Dated Dec. 30, 1943 Poll .....	10.00	None
1943 Warrant Dated March 17, 1943 Excise .....	11.63	None
1943 Warrant Dated Nov. 26, 1943 Excise .....	634.57	None
1943 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1943 Excise .....	67.92	None
1943 Warrant Dated July 24, 1943 Real Estate	12,735.61	3,027.95
1943 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1943 Real Estate	442.98	None
1943 Warrant Dated July 24, 1943 Personal		
Property .....	443.52	36.72
1944 Warrant Dated May 8, 1944 Poll .....	2,216.00	22.00
1944 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1944 Poll .....	10.00	2.00
1944 Warrant Dated May 5, 1944 Excise .....	2,937.39	2.00
1944 Warrant Dated Oct. 24, 1944 Excise .....	1,456.63	138.24
1944 Warrant Dated July 20, 1944 Personal		
Property .....	14,519.78	408.13
1944 Warrant Dated July 20, 1944 Real Estate	115,331.28	8,743.86
1944 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1944 Real Estate	223.13	92.75
 Total Warrants .....	 \$157,417.85	
Total Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944 .....		\$ 12,473.65

DAVID I. OLSSON,

Tax Collector.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Westford, Mass.  
January 16, 1945

The Westford Board of Health submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1944:

The Board of Health organized in March with Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Chairman, Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., Secretary, and Ralph E. Cole, M. D. as the third member.

Early in the year, the Board voted to sponsor a series of Well-Child Conferences to be conducted by the State Department of Public Health. Eight of these Conferences have been held to date with the follow-up work being carried on by Mrs. Margaret Sudak, the visiting nurse.

The Board of Health has not purchased a new car since 1940 so consequently this car has proved to be a source of expense this past year. A motor job and general overhauling was done in the summer but the car is still continuing to give trouble. The members of this Board are now contemplating the purchase of a new car.

Dr. Glenn Estabrook resigned as School Dentist at the close of the school year in June and we have not been able to find another dentist to do this work, despite the fact that we have contacted both state and local dental associations and have advertised in the Lowell Sun.

The usual vaccination and diphtheria toxoid clinics were conducted early in the fall. The Board was very much pleased at the large number of children that attended the diphtheria clinics, over twice as many as last year.

In September, all the employees of the C. G. Sargent Sons, Corp., who so desired, were given a free chest X-ray. This program was financed by the Westford Seal Sale Committee.

The milk situation was carefully supervised by the Board and its agents.

Inspection of liquor establishments have been made and, as in past years, conditions were found to be good.

Owing to the fact we have had a patient at the Middlesex County Sanatorium for the entire year, we have a balance of only \$71.60 to return to the Town.

The Board of Health has functioned well during the year receiving the fullest co-operation of all its members. Regular meetings have been held on the second Monday of every month and also several special meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT W. COWLES, M. D.

CYRIL A. BLANEY, M. D.

RALPH E. COLE, M. D.

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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January 15, 1945

Dr. Dwight W. Cowles  
Chairman, Board of Health  
Westford, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Following is the report of the Public Health Nurse from January 1, to December 31, 1944:

Absentees from school visited in their homes .....	105
Children taken home from school because of illness .....	24
Children taken to school physician .....	18
Contagious disease cases visited .....	101
Nursing visits .....	178
Home visits .....	792
Public Health Meetings attended .....	22
To Lowell General Hospital for treatment .....	11
To Lowell General Pediatric Clinic .....	5
To Lowell General Orthopedic Clinic .....	1
To St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment .....	1
To St. Joseph's Skin Clinic .....	15
To St. Joseph's Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic .....	2
To St. John's Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic .....	16
To St. John's Eye Clinic .....	37
To Crippled Children's Clinic, St. John's Hospital .....	8
To Speech Clinic, St. John's Hospital .....	6
To Hospitals for Tonsil and Adenoid Operations .....	20
To Physician's Optical Co. ....	7
To Dr. Brendan Leahey's Office for examination and treatment.....	3
To Massachusetts General Hospital Arthritis Clinic.....	1
To Middlesex County Sanatorium for X-rays and Examination	29
To Chest Clinic at the North Central Health District Office	2
To Frye and Crawford Drug Co. for truss treatment.....	2
To Dr. John Lambert's Office for treatment.....	1
To Dr. Charles Coughlin, Chiropodist for treatment.....	1
To Massachusetts State Infirmary.....	1
Brought home from Massachusetts State Infirmary.....	1
To Lowell Catholic Charitable Bureau .....	1
Dental Clinic for School Children held weekly at the Abbot Hospital, Forge Village from January to June	

Board of Health Permits Issued.

Milk Specimens collected and taken to Laboratory.

Diphtheria Toxoid Clinics conducted by the Board of Health:

Number of inoculations, three injections each.....	40
Unfinished cases .....	5
Vaccinations .....	25

**Contagious Diseases Reported to the Westford Board of Health:**

Chicken Pox .....	17
Dog Bite .....	11
German Measles .....	7
Measles .....	70
Mumps .....	2
Scarlet Fever .....	7
Gonorrhea .....	2

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY A. HEALY, R. N.

**EXPENDITURES HEALTH DEPARTMENT—1944**

**Administration**

Salaries and wages .....	\$ 50.00
All other .....	34.75

**Contagious Diseases**

Medical .....	12.00
Reimbursement .....	45.00
Tuberculosis, Board and Treatment.....	549.00
Nurse, Salary .....	1,470.00
Auto, Upkeep .....	520.96
Auto, Insurance .....	45.28
Dentist .....	216.00
Dental Supplies .....	14.08
Dump, Labor .....	212.00
Milk, Inspections and Samples .....	54.00
Camp and Liquor Inspections .....	48.00
Vaccination and Diphtheria Toxoid Clinics .....	103.82
Rabies Serum and Medical Care of Dog Bites....	32.15
All other .....	44.00
Cattle Inspector .....	150.00

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\$ 3,451.04

Balance .....	\$ 48.96
Refund on Insurance .....	22.64

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Balance .....	\$ 71.60
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# RECEIPTS HEALTH DEPARTMENT—1944

Milk Dealers' Permits .....	\$	11.00
Oleomargarine Permits .....		2.50
Pasteurization Permits .....		10.00
Permit to Manufacture Ice Cream .....		5.00
Camp Licenses .....		2.00
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		\$ 30.50

## WESTFORD INFIRMARY APPRAISAL

1	Twenty-six Cords Manure .....	\$ 156.00
2	One Manure Spreader .....	100.00
3	Two Horse Hay Rakes .....	45.00
4	One Sulky Plow .....	45.00
5	One Two Horse Disc Harrow .....	35.00
6	One Potato Digger .....	65.00
7	Four Wagons and Two Sleds .....	75.00
8	One Tip Cart .....	25.00
9	Lumber .....	160.00
10	One Drag (steel head) .....	8.00
11	One Lime Spreader .....	20.00
12	One Power Sprayer .....	60.00
13	One Two Horse Corn Planter .....	50.00
14	One Two Horse Cultivator .....	27.00
15	One Hay Tedder .....	25.00
16	One Tractor Harrow .....	55.00
17	One Spring Tooth Harrow .....	10.00
18	One Smoothing Harrow .....	3.00
19	One Seed Sower and Weeder .....	35.00
20	Two One Horse Cultivators .....	6.00
21	Two Walking Plows .....	15.00
22	One Two Horse Hoe .....	10.00
23	One Fordson Tractor .....	600.00
24	One Tractor Plow .....	100.00
25	One Tractor Pulley .....	30.00
26	One Tractor Cultivator .....	135.00
27	One Root Cutter .....	5.00
28	Blacksmith Tools .....	20.00
29	One Feed Cooker .....	5.00
30	One Galvanized Tank .....	5.00
31	One Saw Frame and Two Saws .....	25.00
32	Grindstone and Mowing Machine Grinder .....	15.00
33	One Gas Tank and Gasolene .....	14.00
34	One Two Horse Mowing Machine .....	40.00
35	Six Swine .....	140.00
36	Wood .....	300.00
37	150 Poultry .....	300.00
38	Milk Room Equipment .....	350.00
39	13 Cows .....	1,950.00
40	1 Bull .....	100.00
41	One Calf .....	35.00
42	40 Tons Ensilage .....	400.00
43	Grain .....	60.00
44	24 Grain Bags .....	2.40

45	One Corn Harvester .....	100.00
46	One Ensilage Cutter .....	125.00
47	Fertilizer .....	62.00
48	One—One Horse Corn Planter .....	15.00
49	One Motor Truck .....	300.00
50	Harness and Blankets .....	70.00
51	Two Horses .....	300.00
52	One Horse Hay Fork .....	25.00
53	Twenty Tons Hay .....	700.00
54	Chains, Eveners and Whiffletrees .....	35.00
55	Farm Tools .....	100.00
56	Block and Tackle .....	7.50
57	Snow Plow .....	5.00
58	One Extension and Three Stepladders .....	15.00
59	Three Chicken Crates .....	2.00
60	One Planet Junior Seeder .....	10.00
61	One Gas Stove .....	3.00
62	Two Cross Cut Saws .....	7.50
63	Carpenter's Tools .....	35.00
64	Garden Hose and Lawn Mower .....	12.00
65	Fire Hose and Nozzle .....	56.00
66	Work Shop Material .....	10.00
67	Brooder Equipment .....	15.00
68	One Electric Drill .....	30.00
69	Soft Coal .....	143.88
70	Milk Separator .....	65.00
71	Platform Scales .....	15.00
72	100 Gals. Fuel Oil .....	10.50
73	25 Gals. Motor Oil .....	20.00

#### HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT

Superintendents Furniture .....	\$	350.00
Kitchen and Pantry .....		675.00
Inmates Furniture .....		375.00
Contents of Attic .....		60.00
Canned Goods and Empty Jars .....		260.00
Provisions .....		200.00
Potatoes .....		150.00
Blankets, Sheets and Towels .....		130.00
Dry Goods .....		85.00
Stock and Farm Equipment .....	\$	7,955.78
Household Equipment .....		2,285.00

BENJAMIN A. PRESCOTT  
 FRED R. BLODGETT  
 SAUL J. GORDON

## INFIRMARY DEBITS

Superintendent's Wages .....	\$ 1,416.00
Other Employees .....	692.00
Provisions .....	1,436.84
Clothing .....	254.06
Household Supplies .....	36.49
Medical .....	104.30
Tobacco .....	95.61
Newspaper .....	9.00
Food Storage .....	25.56
Telephone .....	59.95
Ice .....	8.00
Gas and Electricity .....	168.40
Fuel .....	269.64
Garbage .....	40.59
Gasoline .....	157.90
Grain and Feed .....	3,417.40
Veterinary .....	28.50
Blacksmith .....	39.42
Curing meat and slaughtering .....	8.62
Fertilizer .....	9.60
Soil Conservation .....	13.21
Pasturing .....	39.00
Sawdust and Sawing logs .....	29.44
Truck Stamp .....	5.00
Truck Insurance .....	33.31
Radio and Radio repair .....	15.35
Eyeglasses .....	7.00
Supplies .....	220.03
Repairs .....	53.49
Water Bill .....	56.42
Seed .....	84.21
Wire .....	15.55
Carpentering .....	32.31
Horse rake .....	20.00
Cultivator .....	91.80
Appraisors .....	15.00
Miscellaneous .....	29.02

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\$ 9,038.02

## INFIRMARY CREDITS

Milk .....	\$ 4,088.54
Eggs .....	451.51
Potatoes .....	126.00

Asparagus .....	60.10
Corn .....	6.20
Poultry .....	135.68
Calves .....	67.00
Bags .....	36.35
Hay .....	31.00
Boar Service .....	4.00
Bull Service .....	4.00
Hogs .....	257.70
Teaming .....	390.20
Soil Conservation .....	14.17
United Co-operative Farmers, Refund .....	26.91
Wood .....	24.00
Use of Harvester .....	6.00
Snow Plow .....	8.00
Lowell Rendering .....	2.00
Board (Other Towns) .....	1,989.38

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\$ 7,728.74

Wood .....	\$ 18.00
Inmates Board and Care .....	3,328.00
43 Meals to men in lock-up .....	21.50
Clothing, tobacco, medical .....	453.97

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\$ 3,821.47

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\$ 11,550.21

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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The Board organized for the year 1944 with Samuel A. Richards, Chairman, Reginald Blowey, Secretary and William L. Wall re-elected as third member.

The case load on Aid to Dependent Children and Temporary Aid remained much the same as the previous year, but Old Age Assistance slightly decreased.

Many budgets had to be adjusted on Old Age Assistance to conform with the law in regard to relative's contributions. The law requires sons and daughters to support parents to the extent that they are able. Most of the contributions were made voluntarily. However, when children failed to contribute the amounts required, court action had to be taken in order that the Town might be entitled to reimbursement. Several cases were taken from the rolls and others required much lower assistance payments after the parents received their contribution.

At the Infirmary there were eight inmates from town and six from out of town, for which we received eight dollars per week for room and board. The receipts this year for the farm showed a marked increase and there were no new improvements or changes made.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL A. RICHARDS

REGINALD BLOWEY

WILLIAM L. WALL

Board of Public Welfare.

## REPORT OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

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Due to a shortage of manpower in the County Extension office a general report is given rather than a detailed report as has been done during previous years.

The Extension Service during 1944 turned over all its facilities to the war effort in the production and conservation of food and other factors necessary to help win the war. The County Trustees, Town Directors and Local leaders gave freely of their time in spite of the fact that most of them were fully occupied with other duties.

Under agriculture most of the time was spent in cooperation with Selective Service Boards in furnishing information relative to registrants employed on farms. This probably was the most important job of the year as the food production program would not continue unless the key men on our farms were retained.

Farm labor is probably the next important item, with the local director cooperating with the school system in helping to make available all the boys and girls within the town and any other available people to help meet the extreme labor shortage on farms. The County office was instrumental in finding some outside available help and especially during the harvest season various types of help were obtained to harvest the crop.

General assistance was given in all production problems in order that the maximum amount of food could be produced.

Homemakers were assisted, especially in the conservation and preservation of food, a better understanding of wise use of ration points and food that had to be purchased along with greater use of home-grown foods. Good nutrition for the family was especially stressed in order that the health of the family could be maintained under war conditions. Clothing renovation and construction, re-finishing and upholstering furniture were all projects emphasized to help the homemaker carry on more efficiently under war conditions.

With Boys and Girls' 4-H Club Work, it was difficult here to carry on due to lack of available volunteer leaders. Much credit, however, should go to the leaders who gave all their available time to help our boys and girls carry on with their various projects. The club members of your town were part of the 1,700,000 in the United States who helped 4-H earn the recognition of having made the largest contribution in the war effort of any of the youth organizations of the nation. Food Production, Food Preservation and Homemaking were the clubs given the greatest emphasis during the year.

MABEL M. NIXON,

Director.

## REPORT OF WHITNEY PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

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In its supervisory and direction capacity your Whitney Playground Committee has tried to perform its duties satisfactorily. The services of Mr. John S. Peterson were employed as usual to care for the lawns and shrubbery. His work has been efficient and painstaking.

Repainting of the flagpole called for an unexpected but necessary expenditure of \$25.00. Additional care and expense was incurred in order to put the Tennis Court and ball grounds in proper shape.

In the coming fiscal year we will be required to meet some extraordinary expense for needed repairs to the lawn-cutting machinery, overhauling motor, etc. It is estimated that this will cost in the vicinity of \$50.00

As supervisors of the Whitney Shade Tree Fund we have to report increased necessity for pruning and cutting of trees on Depot Street as a safety measure for protection of the public. This we have recommended to the Tree Warden who is responsible for the work.

JOHN FISHER,

MORRIS A. HALL,

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Whitney Playground Committee.

## REPORT OF THE WESTFORD COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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The year 1944 has required less activity on the part of our Committee than during the preceding two years.

As late as December 1944 we were requested by the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety to retain our Organization and be prepared to give service if an emergency should require it, and we are cooperating with this request.

We are maintaining the Report Center in the Town Hall and have retained one telephone and the extension to the home of Mrs. Hilda Bosworth who will take any emergency call from Lowell Control Center or from the Boston Headquarters and notify the local Air Raid Warden or local Chairman who in turn will summons in the different Division Chairmen to the Report Center.

The direct line from the Lowell Control Center is still maintained and paid for by the Massachusetts Committee.

During the year the Observation Post in the Tower of the Town Hall, established by the Army and placed under the supervision of the local American Legion Post, was discontinued.

The Salvage Committee, with Mr. Morris Hall, Chairman, has done excellent work during the year and have had four paper collections, two of tin and one of silk stockings. And also under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Sargent LePage a collection of clothing. These collections were well organized and the Town people responded splendidly with the School Department and Scholars aiding very materially in this work. The Committee appreciates the assistance given by the Individuals and Corporations in donating the use of trucks for these collections. From money received from the sale of Waste Paper the Committee voted donations to the U.S.O., American National Red Cross, the Infantile Paralysis Fund, Merchants Seaman's Book Library, Salvation Army, and locally to the Educational Aid Fund of the Alumni Association of Westford Academy and a sum sufficient to buy three Opaque Picture Projectors, one each for Cameron, Sargent and Frost Schools.

The Women's Groups in the different parts of the Town, and the Forge Village Men's Club have continued their outstanding work in Sewing, Knitting, the making of Surgical Dressings, etc., etc.

We are asking for the unexpended balance of the appropriation to be carried over to the year 1945 to take care of telephone expenses or any necessary emergency expense.

WESTFORD COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR, Chairman.

## REPORT OF WESTFORD WATER COMPANY

### CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1944.....	\$182,807.22
Additions during the year 1944.....	8,267.18
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	\$191,074.40

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 1944 TO DECEMBER 31, 1944

#### RECEIPTS

Hydrants .....	\$ 2,940.00
Public Buildings, Playgrounds, etc.....	372.94
Subscribers .....	14,965.28
Interest, etc. ....	341.77
Service .....	200.10
Sundry Sales .....	535.90
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	\$ 19,355.99

#### EXPENSES

Wages and Salaries .....	\$ 4,938.35
Expense Account and Supplies.....	1,552.40
Electric Power and Light.....	1,541.61
Taxes .....	4,045.93
Depreciation .....	3,318.93
Service .....	214.11
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	\$ 15,611.33

Net Gain for the year ending December 31, 1944	\$ 3,744.66
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WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,  
Treasurer.

Westford, Massachusetts,  
January 19, 1945.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex, ss.

Then personally appeared William R. Taylor and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Company to December 31, 1944 and of the Receipts and Expenditures from January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944, before me,

WINTHROP W. SARGENT,  
Notary Public.

## WESTFORD WAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARD 332

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### REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1944

With the exception of a few changes in the members of the various panels, rationing during the past year has continued pretty much the same as in the two previous years of its existence.

As has been customary, the Board meets every Tuesday Evening at 7:30. We would suggest that anyone having any bothersome problems which can be helped by any member of the various panels, to visit the board on one of these evenings. The panels are made up as follows:

GASOLINE PANEL—Victor B. Daly, John Fisher, Edmund L. Provost.  
FUEL OIL PANEL—James L. Knowlton, Oliver A. Reeves, William E. Wright.

FOOD PANEL—Moses L. Fecteau, Frederick O. Baker.

TIRES PANEL—Edward T. Hanley, Henry J. Stepinski, John J. Barretto.

PRICE CONTROL—Henry J. Stepinski, John J. Barretto.

CLERICAL FORCE—Mrs. Hilda I. Bosworth, Miss Blanche J. Wilk, assisted by Mrs. Freda S. Prescott, Miss Patricia Sullivan, Miss Gwendolyn M. Walker. During the summer vacation period, Miss Jennie M. Ferguson helped the Fuel Panel as she has in the past. This year Mrs. Edith Dean worked with Miss Ferguson and their help was very much appreciated.

The price control work, with Mrs. Eva A. Deforge as clerk, has worked out very successfully, we believe. During the early part of the year, this work was covered very efficiently, previous to Mrs. Deforge's appointment, by Mrs. Ethel F. Peverill. During the year, the town of Groton has been added to Mrs. Deforge's territory.

We regret that William E. Wright, due to illness, has had to take an extended vacation. Mr. Wright has given unsparingly of his time, and his help will be very much missed during this period.

We thank the people of the Town for their cooperation and confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. HANLEY, Chairman.

JOHN FISHER

WILLIAM E. WRIGHT

OLIVER A. REEVES

JAMES L. KNOWLTON

MOSES L. FECTEAU

FREDERICK O. BAKER

HENRY J. STEPINSKI

JOHN J. BARRETTO

VICTOR B. DALY

EDMUND L. PROVOST

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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The Westford Cemetery Commissioners submit the following report for the year ending 1944.

Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests amounting to \$27,100 are in "G" bonds. Four accounts, amounting to \$300 are still in the bank awaiting a sufficient amount to put into a \$500 bond. Interest on "G" bonds is  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  payable semi-annually and run for 12 years. Accumulated interest is in the bank.

We have taken in this year \$637 in lot care and \$357 for grave digging, which under the law has to be turned back into the Treasury and therefore cannot be used for labor, etc.

On account of the labor shortage we have endeavored to do the best we could. There are still quite a few who have failed to pay for their lot care and if they would come forward with same it would be of great assistance.

To economize on printing and paper during the war emergency we are omitting a list of cemetery lot care and cemetery perpetual care bequests. Anything concerning same will be found at the Town Hall.

SEBASTIAN WATSON, Chairman

FRED R. BLODGETT

AXEL G. LUNDBERG

Cemetery Commissioners

# REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

The Finance Committee has held the customary meetings and given all the articles in the warrant careful consideration and recommend the appropriation of the various sums as tabulated below.

## Article Appropriation

### 3- 1 General Government:

	Voted and Transfrd. 1944	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1945	Recom- mended for 1945
Selectmen .....	\$ 750.00	\$ 707.33	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
License Expense .....	75.00	52.41	75.00	75.00
Town Treasurer .....	1,650.00	1,644.83	1,650.00	1,650.00
Town Accountant .....	975.00	941.65	1,175.00	1,075.00
Assessors .....	1,400.00	1,078.81	2,000.00	2,000.00
Tax Collector .....	1,750.00	1,700.81	1,750.00	1,750.00
Town Counsel .....	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Tax Title Expense .....	500.00	494.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Clerk .....	528.51	528.51	600.00	600.00
Election and Registration .....	1,706.65	1,703.85	750.00	750.00

### 3- 2 Town Hall:

General Expense .....	2,500.00	2,427.69	2,500.00	2,500.00
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### 3- 3 Police Department:

General Expense .....	6,375.00	6,215.33	6,375.00	6,375.00
Temporary Increase .....			200.00	200.00
Road Marking .....	150.00	149.52		

# Article Appropriation

	Voted and Transfrd. 1944	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1945	Recom- mended for 1945
3- 4	Fire Department:			
	General Expense .....	4,185.02	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Repairing Heating System .....		500.00	500.00
	Permanent Man .....	500.00	500.00	500.00
3- 5	Hydrants .....	3,350.00	3,350.00	3,350.00
3- 6	Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	125.00	125.00	125.00
3- 7	Fish and Game Warden .....	75.00	75.00	75.00
3- 8	Forest Fires .....	1,050.00	1,031.59	1,000.00
3- 9	Town Forest .....	100.00	100.00	100.00
3-10	Tree Warden .....	500.00	499.31	500.00
3-11	Moth Department .....	900.00	899.31	900.00
3-12	Health Department .....	3,500.00	3,428.40	3,500.00
3-13	Cattle Inspector .....	150.00	150.00	150.00
3-14	Highway Department:			
	Snow and Ice .....	3,000.00	2,992.58	4,000.00
	Town Roads .....	1,500.00	322.23	1,500.00
	Chapter 81 Roads .....	10,375.00	18,871.37	10,375.00
	Chapter 90 Roads .....	3,000.00	8,999.00	2,700.00
3-15	Welfare Department:			
	Temporary Aid and Infirmary .....	12,650.00	12,638.79	12,750.00
	Aid to Dependent Children .....	4,072.99	4,069.55	3,500.00
	Old Age Assistance .....	16,564.59	15,876.02	16,500.00
3-16	Soldiers' Benefits .....	3,000.00	1,095.85	3,000.00

# Article Appropriation

		Voted and Transfrd. 1944	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1945	Recom- mended for 1945
3-17	School Department .....	70,500.00	79,435.90	84,500.00	84,500.00
3-18	Vocational Tuition .....	500.00	489.80	500.00	500.00
3-19	Library .....	2,849.64	2,849.52	2,400.00	2,400.00
3-20	Care of Common .....	278.17	277.04	300.00	300.00
3-21	Commemoration of Memorial Day .....	264.00	264.00	300.00	300.00
3-22	Publishing of Town Reports .....	700.00	692.10	725.00	725.00
3-23	Compensation Insurance .....	1,689.21	1,054.59	700.00	700.00
3-24	Fire Insurance .....	3,850.00	1,613.49	1,700.00	1,700.00
3-25	General Loans .....	11,000.00	11,000.00		
3-26	Interest on General Loans .....	274.60	274.60		
3-27	Interest on Revenue Loans .....	250.00	43.22	25.00	25.00
3-28	Cemeteries .....	2,304.20	1,850.39	2,300.00	2,000.00
3-29	Street Lights .....	7,020.00	6,782.66	7,020.00	7,020.00
3-30	Finance Reserve .....	3,000.00	2,204.85	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Finance Board Expense .....			10.00	10.00
3-31	Outstanding Bills .....	1,442.02	1,395.02		
8	Middlesex County TB Hospital .....	2,807.56	1,403.78	1,429.62	1,429.62
9	Whitney Playground .....	400.00	374.11	350.00	350.00
10	Band Concerts .....	400.00	400.00	400.00	200.00
11	Rationing .....	1,400.00	1,332.55	1,400.00	1,400.00
16	County Extension .....	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
12	Highway Equipment .....	3,783.31	2,334.56	2,559.00	2,559.00
13	Additional Street Lights .....			36.00	36.00
14	Additional Street Light .....			18.00	18.00

Article Appropriation	Voted and Transfrd. 1944	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1945	Recom- mended for 1945
15   Contributory Retirement Service .....	93.57	93.57	67.25	67.25
21   Automobile for Board of Health .....				400.00
23   Office Equipment for Town Treasurer .....			300.00	300.00
28   Medical & Hospital Services to Walter Sechovich .....			555.25	555.25
29   Dicennial Census .....			225.00	225.00
31   Westford Rehabilitation Committee .....			25.00	25.00
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				\$198,705.12
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State and County Taxes .....				\$ 5,000.00
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Estimated Receipts .....				\$203,705.12
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To be raised by Taxation .....				\$ 85,000.00
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				\$118,705.12

- ART. 4. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
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- ART. 7. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 8. The Finance Committee recommends this article.
- ART. 9. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 10. The Finance Committee recommends that there should be fewer band concerts in view of the present war and travel situation.

ART. 11. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 12. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 13. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 14. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 15. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 16. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 17. The Finance Committee recommends that gifts under this article be accepted and a vote of appreciation be extended to the donors.

ART. 18. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 19. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 20. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 21. The Finance Committee recommends under this article that not more than \$400.00 be spent for a new car, and if one cannot be obtained for that sum that the present car be repaired.

ART. 22. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 23. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 24. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 25. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 26. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 27. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

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ART. 29. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

ART. 30. The Finance Committee recommends a week's vacation with pay to the employees of the Highway Department provided they have worked for the Highway Department for a year and provided the vacation is given during a period of slack time.

ART. 31. The Finance Committee recommends this article.

If the above recommendations of the Finance Committee are adhered to the tax rate will approximate \$33.00 per thousand dollars of valuation. For every appropriation increase of \$1,000.00 the tax rate will increase approximately 28 cents.

It is with regret that the Finance Committee accepted the resignation of William E. Wright who has been a member of the Board since 1933.

Respectfully submitted,

P. HENRY HARRINGTON

W. OTIS DAY

E. KENT ALLEN

HERFORD N. ELLIOTT

EVERETT SCOTT

Finance Committee.

## **TOWN OF WESTFORD WARRANT**

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss

To the Constable of the Town of Westford in said County,

GREETING:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth afore-  
said, to notify and warn all inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote  
in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at their several polling  
places, viz:

- Precinct 1. Town Hall, Westford Center.
- Precinct 2. Abbot Hall, Graniteville.
- Precinct 3. Donnelly's Store, Brookside.
- Precinct 4. Abbot Hall, Forge Village.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1945

being the second Monday in said month, at 12.00 o'clock noon, for the  
following purposes:

To bring in their votes for the following Officers:

For Three Years

- One Town Clerk
- One Selectman
- One Member of the Board of Public Welfare
- One Assessor
- Two members of the School Committee
- One member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners
- One Trustee of the Public Library
- One member of the Board of Health

For One Year

- One Moderator
- One Constable
- One Tree Warden

All on one ballot.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 8 P. M., and to meet  
in the Town Hall at Westford Center on the following

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1945

at 1 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act upon the following  
articles, viz:

ART. 1. To hear the reports of Town Officers and Committees;  
or act in relation thereto.

ART. 2. To determine the salary and compensation of elected officers  
and officials as provided by law.

ART. 3. To appropriate money to meet the costs and expenses of the  
following departments, officers and purposes:

1. General Government
2. Town Hall
3. Police Department
4. Fire Department
5. Hydrants
6. Sealer of weights and measures
7. Fish and Game Warden
8. Forest Fires
9. Town Forest
10. Tree Warden
11. Moth Department
12. Health Department
13. Cattle Inspector
14. Highway purposes
15. Department of Public Welfare
16. Soldiers' Benefits
17. School Department
18. Vocational tuition
19. Public Library
20. Care of Common
21. Commemoration of Memorial Day
22. Publishing of Town Reports
23. Compensation Insurance
24. Fire Insurance
25. General Loans
26. Interest on General Loans
27. Interest on Revenue Loans
28. Cemeteries
29. Street Lights
30. Finance Committee Reserve Fund
31. Unpaid bills of previous years.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway maintenance; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agent in any suit or suits which may arise during the current year, with authority to settle and adjust claims or demands for or against the Town, and to employ counsel whenever in their judgment it is advisable so to do; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the purpose of paying the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the Town's share of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital as assessed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the care of the Whitney Playground; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred (\$400.) Dollars, or some other sum, for Band Concerts during the current year; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purposes of defraying the salaries and expenses of the Ration Board, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Westford Ration Board; or act in relation thereto.

- ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Highway Equipment Account; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install two additional lights on Prescott Street in Forge Village; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install one additional light on Beacon Street in Graniteville.
- ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of paying into the Contributory Retirement System the Town's portion of the amount which would have been paid into said Retirement System by former Westford teachers who are now in the military or naval service, all as provided in Section 9 of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941, as amended by Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten (\$10) Dollars and elect a Director, under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, as amended; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift made to it during the year 1944 by the Solomon Hyams Fund, Inc., and to accept the bequest of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars given under the will of the late William J. Burbeck to the Town of Westford to be used for the purposes set forth in said will; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use as free cash a sum of money not to exceed fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars, said amount to be approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth, and said sum to be applied in determining the tax rate for the current year 1945; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purposes set forth in Section 1 of Chapter 75 of the Acts of 1943, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Westford Committee on Public Safety; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money, or to transfer the sum of money appropriated under Article 12 of the warrant for the annual town meeting held February 16, 1942 for the purpose of purchasing a power grader for the Highway Department, the same to be purchased under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of purchasing an automobile for the Board of Health, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 22. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 21, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer by a good and sufficient bill of sale title to the automobile now used by the Board of Health, and apply the sum received therefor against the purchase price of the new car; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of purchasing an adding machine or typewriter, or both, for use in the offices of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 24. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 23, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer by a good and sufficient bill of sale title to the adding machine, or the typewriter, or both, now used in the offices of the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer, and apply the sum received therefor against the purchase price of the office equipment to be purchased under Article 23; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at private sale at such time or times and for such sum or sums as the Selectmen deem advisable for the best interests of the Town, the following personal property now in the Town Hall: One gas stove, one ice chest, one soapstone sink, two safes and one platform scales; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept Coolidge Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen, as shown by their report and plan duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a Committee to study post war planning with special reference to a town beach and the development of town owned land; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of paying outstanding bills for medical and hospital services rendered to Walter Sechovich as a result of injuries received by him as a voluntary fireman in April 1944; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to defray the expenses of taking the dicennial census of the State of Massachusetts; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to determine from time to time the hourly rate of pay to be paid employees of the Highway Department, including the granting of vacations with pay to said employees; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to defray the expenses of the Westford Rehabilitation Committee; or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at each Post Office in said Westford, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the first meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of January in the year of our Lord 1945.

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY

ARTHUR L. HEALY

CYRIL A. BLANEY

Selectmen of Westford.

A true copy. Attest:

Constable of Westford.

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

*Town of Westford*



For the Year Ending December 31,

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## ORGANIZATION—SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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F. Stanley Smith .....	Term Expires 1947
Robert Hunter .....	Term Expires 1947
Frederick Gattenby, Chairman .....	Term Expires 1946
Mrs. Dorothy L. Chandler, Secretary.....	Term Expires 1946
Thomas L. Curley .....	Term Expires 1945
Clifford J. Couchaine (Navy) .....	Term Expires 1945

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Chester V. Sweatt, Westford, Mass.

Tel. Residence 616

Tel. Office 561

### SCHOOL TELEPHONES

Tel. Cameron School 542

Tel. Sargent School 553

Tel. Wm. E. Frost School 230

Tel. Westford Academy 561

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Westford, Mass.

Tel. 521

### SCHOOL NURSE

Dorothy Healy, R. N., Westford, Mass.

Tel. Office 391 Town Hall

## REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Citizens of Westford,  
Westford, Massachusetts.

I hereby submit my annual report as Chairman of the School Committee for the year 1944.

Mr. Stanley Smith and Mr. Robert Hunter were elected to fill the vacancies left by the expiration of the terms of Mr. Edward Buckingham and Mr. James Mulligan. Mr. Buckingham served on the School Committee for twelve years and deserves the thanks of the town for his long service. Mr. Mulligan served capably for six years.

At the first meeting of the new board, Mr. Frederick Gatenby was chosen chairman and Mrs. Dorothy Chandler as secretary.

I am glad to report that I believe that our school system is making progress toward better education for our children in a period when it would be natural to expect the reverse. There is evidence that the results of instruction are better. There is fine teacher and pupil morale. Relation between the teaching staff and the school Board are of high quality and in this the committee takes great pride.

We are respectfully asking for the sum of \$84,500.00 with which to operate the public schools during 1945 and the sum of \$500.00 for vocational tuition. The financial plans for operating the schools during 1945 are included in the school budget, copies of which may be obtained at the superintendent's office.

This year the town has received \$5,950.00 from the State as our share of income taxes, \$1,393.28 for tuition and transportation of State Wards, \$412.70 from Tyngsboro for tuition and transportation of two pupils, and \$157.95 from the State for vocational tuition. This money goes into the Town Treasury and is not available to the School Department.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK GATENBY,

Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Westford School Committee:

I hereby submit my third annual report as superintendent of Westford Schools. Due to the absence of the Academy principal I am including his report as part of my own.

The outcomes of learning are attitudes, appreciations, understandings, insights, abilities, and knowledges which act as controls on an individual's behavior. These are interactive and complex in their workings. For example, one's attitude toward studying physics has a definite influence on understanding principles of physics and hence on the amount and quality of knowledge acquired. While it is impossible to separate entirely any one factor in the learning process this report will stress the work being done in Westford in helping pupils to acquire various kinds of knowledge and abilities.

### KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Knowledge and skills are not acquired by all pupils at an even rate or with equal ease. Often instruction that has meaning and value to one child in Grade Three, for example, will be meaningless and valueless to another child until a later grade. Pupils often go through the motions, write the papers, do all the exercises, but never really know what they have been doing. The following story illustrates the point: Several years ago an Eighth Grade boy was working with me building a table. He was told to measure a piece of lumber  $32\frac{3}{8}$ " long. Noticing that he was having trouble, I discovered that he did not know how to use the fractions of an inch in a functional way. I showed him how to use the carpenter's rule. His face lit up and he explained, "I never knew that was what fractions were." That boy could compute, add, subtract, and divide fractions but he did not understand fractions. Troubles of this sort could be avoided if our instruction was more functional and within the experience level of the pupil.

Westford teachers are aware that we must take a pupil where he is educationally. The old excuse, "He should have learned that in Grade Three, Six, or Eight" no longer applies. Maybe he did have an opportunity then but if he did not learn the work there is only one

thing an intelligent teacher can do and that is to teach it again. No longer can an upper grade teacher honestly say, "That is third grade work. That is none of my business." No longer can high school teachers honestly say of the boy who reads poorly or cannot spell, "That is the work of the grade school. I teach mathematics, or English, or science." The thinking teacher no longer talks this way. She says, "What can I do to assist the pupil?" Then she puts in many hours trying to help him. There is no one place in the educational ladder where all pupils learn the same thing. As I said above, learning is a complicated process and the rate of learning very uneven with different pupils.

I believe if we are to get greater mastery of abilities and knowledge we must first make our instruction more functional and secondly, recognize that pupils do not learn at the same rates. If we can accept this idea, we will no longer think in terms of passing Grade Seven, or chemistry, or senior English. We will think in terms of learning; that is, acquiring skills and knowledge useful in our everyday lives. If a pupil is too old to be assigned to Grade Eight, he should be placed in the Academy and given instruction in the skills and knowledges deemed best suited to his needs. If he is a poor reader, this means reading instruction. If he cannot think mathematically, this means instruction in arithmetic, not algebra.

I hope no one is foolish enough to interpret the above to mean that instruction in advanced mathematics, languages, and sciences should not be taught in the Academy. On the contrary, I'd like to have them taught more intensively but only to those pupils whose achievement warrants it. These pupils are the ones likely to go on to colleges and hospitals. But to those pupils who have not acquired proficiency in the fundamentals, I should like to see instruction in them required. I believe this is the only way we can get our pupils to acquire the skills and knowledges we believe they should have.

### TESTING PROGRAM

One of the means of evaluating instruction is through the use of standardized tests but the results of these tests must be interpreted with caution. No single test or even battery of tests can be devised to measure all the outcomes of learning. Even when the testing is restricted to knowledges and abilities it is still impossible to be arbitrary about the results. However, good tests do give information concerning strengths and weaknesses of pupils and are thus much more valid information than teacher opinion.

Our testing program began several years ago and has grown so that today we are beginning to get a body of information of immense value in helping and guiding pupils. All elementary pupils of Grade Three to Eight are given the complete battery of Iowa Every Pupil Tests of Basic Skills each year. The results are graphed on individual pupil charts so there is a record of each pupil's progress through the grades.

This battery includes tests in reading, work study skills, language skills, and arithmetic skills. The reading test measures a pupil's ability to comprehend and the extent of his vocabulary. The work study skills test includes sub-tests in map reading, use of references, use of index, use of dictionary, and use of graphs. The language skills test measures a pupil's ability in punctuation, capitalization, usage, spelling, and sentence sense. The arithmetic skills test measures a pupil's fundamental knowledge, his understanding of fundamental operations, and his ability to solve problems.

The question is immediately asked, "How do Westford pupils show up on these tests?" The answer is, as is usual and natural, "Some good and some poor." Many pupils are two or more years ahead of the national average and others are equally below. The class averages work in like manner. Some of the classes are up to the national average and some are below.

There are many factors that explain this variation, one of which is the capacity of a class to learn. One way to measure the capacity of a class is by intelligence tests. These tests are an indication of a pupil's capacity to learn but there are many other factors such as interest, purpose, experience, and family tradition which influence a pupil's learning. We have intelligence ratings for all pupils above the Fifth Grade. This data has been immensely valuable for frequently it indicates that a pupil's failure in school work is due to other causes than lack of ability. The Henmon-Nelson Test of Mental Maturity is used in the grades and the Otis Quick Scoring Mental Ability Test is used in the Academy.

First grade pupils in learning to read go through a reading readiness program. This is designed to build up his fund of experiences so that he may understand the meanings of the new printed symbols he is about to learn. Children vary greatly in having the necessary experiences upon which to build reading concepts. How can one tell when a child is ready to read? The answer is teacher judgment and a

Reading Readiness Test. Westford teachers have found the Metropolitan Readiness Tests to be of great help in supplementing their own judgment.

The past fall all pupils in the Academy were given the Iowa Tests of Educational Development. These tests measured a pupil's achievement in social studies, science, his ability to write correctly, his ability to think mathematically, his ability to read social studies, science, and literature materials, the extent of his vocabulary, and his ability to use sources of information. The results are graphed individually for each pupil. As in the grades, some pupils make excellent showings and others not so good.

In these tests each high school class is compared with the same class in other schools all over the United States. The test results show that our seniors rate very favorably with other high school seniors. Our seniors are especially strong in social studies, reading, and languages. The other Academy classes made their best showing in these fields, too.

I should be greatly discouraged if the juniors and seniors did not make the best showing. By the junior and senior years in the Academy, pupils take a more serious interest in what the school has to offer. This has been especially true in the last two years. Our boys and girls know that they are soon to take real jobs, join some branch of the armed forces, train for nursing, or go to colleges. They can see a purpose to their work and are more willing to apply themselves. We find this is especially true in the college preparatory and commercial work. As was said above, they see a purpose in the work; to them it is more functional.

In reporting on any test results greater space is needed than is available in this report. The test results are available in the superintendent's office and he is only too willing to explain them to any interested person.

## MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS

The following are the major repair items completed in 1944:

### 1. Cameron School:

The exterior of the building was given two coats of paint putting the building in A-1 condition.

Eight classrooms and the center corridors were redecorated. Soft pastel colors were used on the walls making the rooms more attractive and restful to the eye.

A new coal bin wall was built making the boiler room much freer of coal dust and safer from fire.

That portion of the return pipes to the boiler that pass through the coal bin were replaced. These pipes become gradually corroded due to the action of the sulphuric acid in the coal and have to be replaced every fifteen to twenty years.

2. Wm. E. Frost School:

The exterior of Frost School was given two coats of badly needed paint.

New locks were installed in two outside basement doors.

Considerable work was done on the driveways.

A sewer drain became broken necessitating considerable outside work in locating and repairing the break.

3. Sargent School:

That portion of the return pipes to the boiler that pass through the coal bin was replaced. As in Cameron School those pipes were badly corroded.

The coal bin window has been enlarged to make a bulkhead chute so that large truckloads of coal can be dumped directly into the bin.

New locks were installed in the two outside basement doors.

Grates were replaced in one boiler.

4. Academy:

New locks were installed in several of the outside doors.

The gymnasium floor was thoroughly cleaned and treated with penetrating floor finish.

Boiler tests revealed a leak between two boiler sections. New nipples were installed eliminating the leaks.

The third story floors were sanded and treated with penetrating finish.

#### 5. Nabnasset School:

The roof of this building developed bad leaks during the winter months making necessary the elimination of the old rear roof gutters. The roof is now in good condition.

The end of 1945 should find our buildings clean, attractive places in which to live. The progress made in putting our buildings in good repair is gratifying and barring the unforeseen, the repair budget for 1946 should be considerably less.

#### Opportunity Class:

It was necessary to disband this class due to our inability to obtain a satisfactory teacher

#### Westford Academy:

The Academy began the 1944-45 school year without the services of its principal, Mr. Anthony Brackett. Mr. Brackett was granted a leave of absence to accept a naval commission. His duties have been assigned temporarily to me. I should like here to express my appreciation of the work of Mr. Samuel Frolio who has been my assistant in the Academy. His help has been invaluable.

Our Academy pupils are continuing to show the loyalty and interest in what the school has to offer that has characterized the life of the school in the last few years. The space available in this report is too limited to cite the many examples of this but there is indeed much for which to be proud. I have limited this part of my report to five topics which follow.

#### 1. Rating of Westford Academy:

Pediodically for many years rumors have arisen concerning the academic standing of the Academy. The rumor is nearly always the same; namely, "Westford Academy is not a Grade A secondray school and its graduates cannot be accredited to college." Like most rumors this one is false.

In the principal's office is a certificate issued by the State Department of Education stating that Westford Academy holds a Grade A rating. This is sufficient refutation of this part of the rumor.

The record of graduates certified to college is the answer to the inaccuracy of the rest of the above statement. In recent years gradu-

ates have been certified and accepted for entrance to Boston University, Holy Cross, Bates, Massachusetts State, New Hampshire University, and the Lowell State Teachers' College. Not only were graduates certified to these colleges but those certified have been successful in their collegiate work.

Certification for college entrance depends on a pupil's scholastic achievement. To be certified a pupil should achieve "A" or "B" grades in all subjects listed as entrance requirements by a college. However, not all colleges will admit applicants upon certification. These colleges require entrance examinations of all applicants regardless of the quality of their secondary school work.

## 2. Student Council:

Our Student Council is developing into an important part of Westford Academy life. A well organized council is a vital bit of machinery for operating a school co-operatively by pupils and faculty. While it is true that the faculty is responsible for all school activities from a French class to a basketball game, many things can and should be the responsibility of pupils.

Very frequently we adults condemn the lack of responsibility shown by young people overlooking the fact that as many examples of not accepting responsibility are evident every day in our own lives. I believe that one of the best ways to get young people to accept responsibility is to give them important tasks to do and then hold them responsible for the results. This does not mean that pupils run the schools but it does mean they share actively in decisions and actions when it is within their province to do so. Such things as finances, dramatics, athletics, determination of admission fees to dances, plays and the like, are within the pupil's capacity to render a decision.

In recent years greater responsibilities have been given to the council. Though their acts are subject to the principal's veto, as the student body has gained in social power the use of this veto has become less necessary. Council members often ask the question, "Is this matter within our authority?" and seek advice before acting. I believe our council represents a definite step forward in training our pupils in the democratic way of living.

## 3. Dramatics:

The outstanding dramatic effort of recent years in the Academy was the presentation last spring of the "Academy Antics". This Revue

of Academy life was original in all respects. It was written and produced by the pupils under the direction of Mrs. Helen R. Rochefort. Everyone who saw the performance was loud in his praise of their work.

#### 4. Athletics:

Last fall the Academy sponsored its first football team and all of us are proud of the team's record. This sport was made possible by the marvelous co-operation of pupils, parents, and interested citizens and particularly through the efforts of Mr. James Belleville and Mr. Samuel Frolio. The Academy pupils acknowledge their debt to all of you.

A statement of football finances follows:

Game receipts, expenses deducted .....	\$199.26
Football programs and sponsors .....	249.41
Gifts .....	42.73
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Total .....	\$491.40
Expenditures other than those incident to games	447.42
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Balance .....	\$ 43.98

The expense of cleaning and repairing equipment is yet to be deducted.

This winter the Wachusett Basketball League was revived. The Academy has both boys and girls entered in this league. The league has been divided into an eastern and western division thereby eliminating several long trips and most of the Tuesday evening games.

## 5. Westford Academy Activities Fund:

The Academy students' finances are handled by a central treasury, the principal serving as treasurer. This fund is largely controlled by the Student Council. A financial statement as of January 1, 1945 follows:

Athletics .....	\$288.39
Clarion .....	71.22
Yearbook .....	8.93
Clarionette .....	64.37
General Fund .....	117.22
Film Fund .....	57.38
Dramatic Club .....	89.01
Glee Club .....	12.66
Class of 1945 .....	63.06
Class of 1946 .....	182.65
Class of 1947 .....	— —
Class of 1948 .....	— —
Trophy Case .....	11.42
Locker Fund .....	13.50
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Total .....	\$979.81
Check book Balance .....	0938.29
Cash on hand .....	41.52
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Total .....	\$979.81

## CHANGES IN STAFF PERSONNEL

### 1. Resignations

Barbara Gray, history and English, Cameron School  
Helen R. Brownrigg, special class, Cameron School  
Ruth L. Wright, principal, Sargent School  
Mary C. McQuade, history and geography, Sargent School  
Muriel S. Burke, English and reading, Sargent School  
Mary Croucher, mathematics, Academy  
Marian Kelly, social studies, Academy  
Richard T. Harrity, science and social studies, Academy  
Howard H. Ferguson, janitor, Academy

## 2 Transfers

Catherine Goodwin, from Cameron School to Sargent School, 6th Grade.

## 3. Leave of Absence

Anthony G. L. Brackett, principal, Academy, Navy

## 4. New Staff Members

D. Ethel Cleary, social studies, Cameron School

Laura I. Hall, fifth grade, Cameron School

Gordon C. Getchell, principal, Sargent School

Helen Marie Garrity, fifth grade, Sargent School

Louise E. Freneau, mathematics, Academy

Herbert G. Lowell, social studies, Academy

Richard T. Harrity, science and social studies, Academy

Robert Spinner, janitor, Academy

## A WORD OF THANKS

For many years the Abbot Worsted Company and the C. G. Sargent's Sons Corporation have made a Christmas gift of money to the elementary schools. Their generosity is commendable and is deeply appreciated by the children.

In closing I want to thank the School Board, the teaching staff, and the citizens of Westford for their fine cooperation. It is this excellent spirit of cooperation that makes serving as superintendent of schools in Westford a real pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER V. SWEATT

# REGISTRATION—WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS October 1, 1944

SCHOOL GRADES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Academy .....									54	44	43	26	167
Wm. E. Frost .....	20	21	12	9	13	11	20	22					128
Sargent .....	31	36	23	29	22	18	24	21					204
Cameron .....	27	27	25	14	29	20	22	14					178
Totals .....	78	84	60	52	64	49	66	57	54	44	43	26	677

## Registration of Minors

October 1, 1944

### MINORS BY AGE GROUPS

	5-7	7-16	Totals
Girls .....	67	275	342
Boys .....	58	271	329
Totals .....	125	546	671

# **CORPS OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER 31, 1944**

School	Teachers	Training at	Date of Appointment
CAMERON SCHOOL.....	Peter F. Perry, B. S., Ed. M., (Prin.)	Hyannis Normal, B. U.	Sept. 1924
	Marion E. Carroll, B. S. E.	Lowell St. Tea. College	Nov. 1936
	D. Ethel Cleary, B. S. E.	Lowell St. Tea. College	Sept. 1944
	Helen A. Johnston, B. S. E.	Lowell St. Tea. College	Sept. 1942
	Janet L. Kenney, B. S. E.	Lowell St. Tea. College	Sept. 1942
	Laura I. Hall, B. S. E.	Lowell St. Tea. College	Sept. 1944
	Louise E. Thompson, B. S., Ed. M.	Lowell Normal, B. U.	Sept. 1922
	Ruth A. Walker	Lowell Normal School	Sept. 1922
	K. Merton Bozoian, B. S. E. (Prin.)	Bridgewater St. Tea. College	Jan. 1942
	Esther T. Burns, B. S. E.	Lowell St. Tea. College	Sept. 1942
	Shirley M. Coughlin, B. S. E.	Lowell St. Tea. College	Sept. 1940
	Rita H. Miller, B. S. E.	Lowell St. Tea. College	Sept. 1939
SARGENT SCHOOL.....	Kathleen R. Hammersley, B. A.	D'Youville College	Oct. 1938
	Ruth P. Tuttle	Lowell Normal School	Sept. 1903
	Gordon C. Getchell, B. S. E. (Prin.)	Salem St. Tea. College, B. U.	Sept. 1944
	Jean E. Bell	Fitchburg Normal School	Apr. 1930
	Lottie D. Blodgett	Framingham Normal	Sept. 1916
	Alice M. Cullen	Lowell Normal School	Nov. 1940
	Catherine H. Goodwin, B. S. E.	Lowell St. Tea. College	Sept. 1943
	Ann Harrington	Lowell Normal School	Sept. 1926
	Helen Marie Garrity, B. S. E.	Lowell St. Tea. College	Sept. 1944
	Lillian G. Wright	Lowell Normal School	Sept. 1914

ACADEMY.....Chester V. Sweatt, B. S., Ed. M. ....Univ. Maine, Western Res. Univ. ....Sept. 1944  
(Acting Prin.)

Mildred J. Caram, B. S. E. ....Salem St. Tea. College .....Sept. 1941  
Carolyn E. Dutton, A. B. ....Boston University .....Sept. 1943  
Louise E. Freneau, B. A. ....Tufts College .....Oct. 1944  
Samuel F. Frolio, B. S., Ed. M. ....Tufts College .....Sept. 1942  
Richard T. Harrity, A. B. (resigned) .....Holy Cross College .....Sept. 1944  
Herbert G. Lowell, A. B. ....Portland Jr. College, Duke University .....Sept. 1944  
Mary L. Robinson, Ph. B. ....Goucher, Univ. of Chicago .....Sept. 1927  
Helen R. Rochefort, A. B. ....Tufts College .....Sept. 1942

MUSIC SUPERVISOR Lilley Mae Lawler .....Nov. 1935

SCHOOL NURSE .....Dorothy Healy, R. N. ....Framingham .....Sept. 1941

SUPT. OF SCHOOLS....Chester V. Sweatt, B. S., Ed. M. ....Univ. of Maine, Western Res. Univ. ....Aug. 1942

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES

June 1944

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### CAMERON SCHOOL

Pauline Oneda Bellemore	Elizabeth Ellen Holmes
Ronald Arthur Boisvert	Bernard Benedict Kavanaugh
Joseph Patrick Brown	Raymond Norman Lamy
Colette Marie Brule	Sheila Mulligan
Muriel Rolande Brule	Raymond Joseph Panneton
Raymond Joseph Brule	Denise Pellerin
Robert Leo Connell	Armand Joseph Roux
Alice Agnes Crickett	Eleanor Frances Thompson
Peter Daranchuc	Ruth Mace

### WM. E. FROST SCHOOL

Anne Lydia Abrue	Bert Alexander Harless, Jr.
Patricia Wynne Burne	Eaton Frank Jefferson
Shirley Ann Collier	Doris Eleanor MacArthur
Russell Frederick Decatur	Esther Louise Moore
Marjorie Fletcher	William Leo O'Connell
Bernice Helen Gagnon	Arthur Avard Sim
Donald Edwin Greenwood	Catherine Agnes Sullivan
Charlotte Blanche White	

### SARGENT SCHOOL

Rita Louise Milot	Harry Carl Johnson, Jr.
Helen June A. Hanson	Marjorie True Kierstead
Sally Louise Gann	Patricia Ann Carbo
Marvin Sites	Monica Louise Woznac
Russell George Langley	Eleanor Theresa LeDuc
Lawrence Joseph Boisvert	Phyllis Florence Sinton
Gerard Joseph Gagnon	Phyllis Jean Bergsten
William Daniel Connell	Jeanne Frances Carpentier
Paul Milot	Marie Ann Rioux

## ACADEMY GRADUATES

1944

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Lillian Rita Barretto	Vera Helen Kovalchek
Madeleine Therese Bechard	Constance Marie Lemire
Mary Ann Brown	Jane Elizabeth Mulligan
John Clarence Burne	Emil Nadolny
Ruth Evelyn Chamberlain	Virginia Ella Richards
Bryant Read Chaplin	Donald Frederick Robinson
John Frederick Flanagan	William Henry Studdiford
Denise Marie Gervais	Harvey Maurice Swanson
Thomas William Gower	Francis Joseph Szylvian
Rita Marilyn Healy	Shirley Idel Thompson
Robert Jerome Heman	Gwendolyn Margaret Walker
Robert Currier Hepburn	Priscilla Evelyn Wright
Marea Roberta Kelly	Norman Herbert Young, Jr.

### *Class Motto*

Impossible is un-American

### *Class Marshal*

John Frederick Flanagan

### *Class Colors*

Red and White

### *Class Flower*

American Beauty

### *Winners of Prizes (Given by Trustees)*

#### *Awarded at Graduation Exercises*

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in English:

Five Dollars—William Henry Studdiford

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in Mathematics and Science:

Five Dollars—John Clarence Burne

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in Secretarial Science:

Five Dollars—Lillian Rita Barretto

Member of Senior Class the most worthy representative of Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—Marea Roberta Kelly

*Awarded at Class Day Exercises*

Member of the Class of 1945, the most worthy representative of Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—Helen Belida

Member of the Class of 1946, the most worthy representative of Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—Francis M. McKniff

Member of the Class of 1947, the most worthy representative of Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—Beverly I. Nickles

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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Members of the School Committee:

The following is my report as school physician for the year ending December 31, 1944:

The usual physical examination was made on all the children attending the public schools of Westford. A separate physical examination is made to recheck all the cases in which major physical defects are found, and the children may receive treatment if any is indicated. Academy pupils playing football and basketball received special examinations.

I have responded to calls at the schools for emergency cases when called by the school principals.

Co-operation by the Board of Health nurse, teachers, and parents of the children has been splendid.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. D. W. COWLES

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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January 15, 1945

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Westford, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Following is the report of the School Nurse from January 1, to  
December 31, 1944:

Schools visited .....	267
Dressings and first aid .....	21
Children examined for minor ailments .....	72
Children recommended for exclusion because of pediculosis and skin infections .....	26
Home nursing classes .....	12

Assisted at clinic for mentally retarded children.

Vaccinations checked.

Weighed and measured school children.

Assisted School Physician with physical examination of school  
children in Spring and Fall of 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY A. HEALY, R. N.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

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Mr. Chester V. Sweatt,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Westford, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The following is my report as Supervisor of Music in the Westford Schools.

Music finds a hearty welcome in the home, the classroom, the camps, the club; in fact, in all assemblies and recreational groups and the year of 1944 has shown a decided improvement in the music of our schools. Music has had an exceptional appeal to the children and they seemed keyed to its importance during these trying days. Their eagerness and willingness to perform solely, as well as in groups, has been amazing and to have been present at their graduations in June proved the earnestness of their efforts. The results were most gratifying.

The activities for the year were much the same as last. On May 30th, the children from all the schools assembled at Westford Common for the Memorial Day Exercises and songs were sung at the Civil War and World War Monuments. A spring concert "Goldilocks" was given in the Westford Town Hall by the Primary and Intermediate Grades of the Sargent School and "Hansel and Gretel" was given by Grades 1-8 of the Cameron School in the Abbot Hall in Forge Village.

In December, Christmas programs were presented by all of the schools in the various halls and the Frost School Glee Club entertained the P.T.A. with a special program pertaining to carols and their origin. At present, plans are in the making for a concert to be given in the near future by this same school.

In conclusion, I wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the Superintendent and the helpful support of the teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

LILLEY M. LAWLER,

Music Supervisor.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF HANDWRITING

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Mr. Chester V. Sweatt, Supt.,  
Westford Public Schools,  
Westford, Mass.

My dear Mr. Sweatt:

I am pleased to submit the following report of the Handwriting program in the Westford schools for the year 1943-44.

In the initial Handwriting tests administered in September, 1940, 20% of your elementary school pupils received a grade of "A" (Excellent); 6% received a grade of "B" (Good); and 72% were graded less than "B". In the June 1944 tests, 83% were graded "A" (Excellent); 10% were graded "B" (Good); and 6% were graded less than "B". These scores indicate that excellent progress has been made and I wish to compliment the pupils and teachers for their achievement.

During the school year we graded approximately 4,650 formal and 13,950 informal samples of Handwriting for the elementary school children, and 1,400 formal and 3,000 informal handwriting samples for the High School pupils.

We furnished the following supplies during the year:—monthly outlines for the teachers, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, monthly and term envelopes, term testing paper, individual handwriting certificates for the eighth and high school pupils who qualified, diagnostic charts and seals, etc.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation to you, your teachers, and your pupils for the fine co-operation we have received at all times.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. RINEHART

## WESTFORD SCHOOL CALENDAR

1944 — 1945

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Schools open .....	Sept. 11.....	
Schools close .....	Dec. 22.....	71 days
Schools open .....	Jan. 2.....	
Schools close .....	Feb. 16.....	35 days
Schools open .....	Feb. 26.....	
Schools close .....	Apr. 13.....	34 days
Schools open .....	Apr. 23.....	
Schools close .....	June 15.....	39 days

Total 179 days

### DAYS OMITTED:

Columbus Day—October 12  
Thanksgiving—November 23, 24  
Christmas Holidays—Dec. 22—Jan. 2  
Vacation period—Feb. 16—Feb. 26  
Good Friday—March 30  
Vacation period—Apr. 13—Apr. 23  
Memorial Day—May 30

### GRADUATIONS:

Elementary—June 18  
Academy—June 19

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

OF THE

### *Town of Westford*



For the Year Ending December 31,

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY**

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January 1, 1945

The trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit their annual report for 1944; including the report of the Librarian and the list of books added in 1944.

It is with appreciation that the trustees acknowledge the legacy of one thousand dollars under the will of William J. Burbeck for the purchase of books for the J. V. Fletcher Library. Thus the son continues the thoughtfulness shown by his mother, Mrs. Adeline T. Burbeck, who also made a gift to the Library for the same purpose.

To carry on the repairs and the necessary work of the Library and its branches the trustees ask for the following appropriation, viz:

1. The sum of twenty four hundred (\$2,400.00) dollars.
2. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1944.

WILLIAM C. ROUDENBUSH, Chairman

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR

ALICE M. HOWARD, Secretary

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY FOR 1944

## Salaries and Wages:

Librarian .....	\$	800.00	
Janitor .....		350.00	
Assistants .....		164.15	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,314.15

## Books and Periodicals:

Books .....	\$	941.70	
Periodicals .....		159.15	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,100.85
Fuel .....	\$	284.37	
Electricity .....	\$	120.32	

## Buildings:

Water .....	\$	16.00	
Repairs .....		56.69	
		<hr/>	\$ 72.69

## Other Expenses:

Telephone .....	\$	22.26	
Transportation of Books .....		30.00	
Stationery and Postage .....		17.90	
Miscellaneous .....		23.01	
		<hr/>	\$ 93.17
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			\$ 2,985.55

## Income

Town Appropriation .....	\$	2,400.00	
Receipts from dog licenses .....		449.64	
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	\$	2,849.64	
To be paid from interest of funds.....	\$	136.03	
		<hr/>	\$ 2,985.67
Receipts from fines and sale of waste material			\$ 61.40

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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January 1, 1945

To the Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library:

The librarian herewith submits her twenty-seventh annual report in the eighty-sixth year of the Westford library, completing forty-eight years in the present building in June, 1944.

There has been an increase in the number of books borrowed in the children's department which has made the total circulation slightly more than last year. A few more books of adult fiction were also borrowed but fewer non-fiction. The order of popularity is the same as last year—history, which includes war books, 579; travel 458; and biography 438.

On March 30 the fire in the furnace went out as a part of the automatic feeder broke. Due to war conditions it was not possible to get a new piece till April 20th. During this time the library hours were shortened at each end and a kerosene heater, loaned by Miss Winnek, was used in the librarian's room where refuge could be taken from the cold. The smallest circulation of the year was on April 13 when the library was open only two hours.

Books for readers in foreign languages (French and Swedish) and other books which the library did not own have been borrowed through the facilities of the Division of Public Libraries.

Again the Frost museum case has served its purpose as a place to show many things of interest. A collection of old valentines belonging to the librarian was arranged in February. This was followed by two exhibits of articles from China and from Russia loaned by Miss Marion F. Winnek. In July "A little girl's treasures of 1860"—articles belonging to Miss Winnek's mother, were much enjoyed. An assortment of shells furnished by the library, Mr. Arthur L. Hope, Miss Winnek, and the librarian were shown in the fall. For Book Week there was an exhibit of children's books with examples from the time of the first child's book published for amusement only by John Newberry about 1745 (in facsimile) to the modern English picture books showing the effect of the paper shortage.

Since February 3rd the Red Cross has had the use of Library Hall for making bandages mainly on Thursday afternoons and evenings. As bandages are to be made in factories this coming year it is not probable that the Red Cross will continue to make them.

The librarian wishes to thank the following who have furnished flowers for the library during the summer: the Misses Atwood, John K. Felch, Arthur L. Hope, Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding, Miss Marion F. Winnek.

Since so many library meetings have been cancelled since war was declared, the librarian has not attended any meetings since 1940 till the Massachusetts Library Association held its one-day meetings in Boston on May 11 and October 25. On November 10th the Division of Public Libraries held a one day institute on Public Relations.

A copy of American Photography for December has been received from Mrs. Martha Taylor Howard as it contains a picture of the Unitarian Church.

A box to collect money for the infantile paralysis drive was placed in the library in January and \$1.28 was received.

Attention is called to Subscription Books Bulletin which gives reviews of encyclopedias, dictionaries and various other books sold by subscription. It presents both the good and bad points with recommendations for purchase. If consulted before buying from book agents undesirable purchases can be avoided.

There are few changes on the list of magazines for the coming year. Junior Natural History is being added for young people. News-week has not been received since July 17. About that time the publishers moved to New York and evidently mixed up the address list and tho notified several times have not yet straightened it out. There has been a big decrease in the circulation of periodicals. All except current numbers may be borrowed for one week and the list for the coming year is as follows:

#### WEEKLIES

Geographic News Bulletin	Publishers' Weekly
Illustrated London News	Saturday Evening Post
Life	Time
New York Times Book Review	Turner's Public Spirit
News Week	(Westford Wardsman)

## MONTHLIES

A. L. A. Booklist	Hygeia
American	Instructor
American Cookery	Jack and Jill
American Girl	Junior Natural History
American Home	Ladies' Home Journal
Antiques	National Geographic
Asia	Natural History
Atlantic Monthly	Nature
Better Homes and Gardens	Open Road
Book Review Digest	Outdoor Life
Boys' Life	Parents' Magazine
Child Life	Popular Mechanics
Cosmopolitan	Popular Science Monthly
Country Gentleman	Reader's Digest
Etude	Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature
Flying and Popular Aviation	School Arts
Good Housekeeping	Sky
Grade Teacher	Travel
Harper's Monthly	Wilson Bulletin
Hobbies	Woman's Home Companion
House Beautiful	

## BI-MONTHLY

Horn Book	Popular Homecraft
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## SEMI-MONTHLY

Library Journal
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## QUARTERLIES

Old Time New England	Subscription Books Bulletin
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## PERIODICALS GIVEN, 1944

Army Life	From the War Department
Automotive War Production	From Automotive Council for War Production
The A V	From the Publishers
Bell Telephone Quarterly	From American Tel. & Tel. Co.
Books, N. Y. Herald Tribune	From the Old Corner Book Store
Christian Register	From Unitarian Alliance of Westford
Christian Science Monitor	From Miss Mary E. Burbeck

Christian Science Sentinel	From Miss Mary E. Burbeck
Dupont Magazine	From DuPont de Nemours Co.
Education For Victory	From U. S. Office of Education
Everybody's Poultry Magazine	From Roy L. Keizer
Journal of Calendar Reform	From World Calendar Association
Middlesex County Bulletin	From Middlesex County Extension Service
New England News Letter	From New England Council
New Hampshire Troubadour	From State of New Hampshire
News of China	From United China Relief
Our Dumb Animals	From the Publishers
Plane Talk	From Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp.
Pemex Travel Club Bulletin	From Petroles Mexicanos
Polish Review	From Polish Review Pub. Co.
Ships	From Shipbuilders Council of America
Steel Facts	From American Iron & Steel Institute
Tax Talk	From Mass. Federation of Tax payers' Association
Today's Home	From the Gas Co.
Travelers Standard	From Travelers Insurance Co.
Woman's Day	From Miss Mabel M. Prescott

#### NAMES OF DONORS, 1944

Cameron, Mrs. Julian A.—3 curios from Pompeii.  
 Fisher, John—6 volumes.  
 Frost, Mrs. Alice—6 volumes.  
 Howard, Mrs. Martha T.—one magazine.  
 Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.—one volume.  
 Roudenbush, William C.—one volume.  
 Whitley, Arthur M.—2 volumes.  
 Williams, Mrs. T. R.—2 volumes.  
 Winnek, Miss Marion F.—8 volumes.  
 Yale Friend—one volume.

#### CIRCULATION

Total circulation of bound volumes.....	13,962
Volumes lent at Library .....	11,795
Volumes lent at Graniteville .....	983
Volumes lent at Forge Village .....	828
Volumes lent at Nabnasset .....	356
Circulation in children's department .....	5,753
Volumes lent thru the schools .....	1,516

Periodicals lent .....	2,924
Pamphlets and clippings lent .....	155
Pictures lent .....	584
Jig-saw puzzles lent .....	30
Number of days open .....	150
Largest monthly circulation of bound volumes, March.....	1,174
Smallest monthly circulation, May .....	760
Largest daily circulation, February 24.....	191
Smallest daily circulation, April 13 .....	27
May 11 .....	32

#### ACCESSIONS

Volumes added by purchase .....	588
Volumes added by gift .....	17
Total number added .....	605
Number of volumes discarded .....	82
Number of volumes in Library .....	18,261

#### AMOUNT OF FUNDS

Legacy of Stephen S. Stone .....	\$1,000.00
Legacy of Augustus K. Fletcher .....	1,000.00
Legacy of Mary A. Henarie, Laws Fund .....	1,000.00
Legacy of John M. Osgood .....	1,000.00
Legacy of Jennie Reed Wilkins .....	150.00
Legacy of Adeline T. Burbeck .....	500.00
Legacy of Albert E. Prescott .....	6,000.00

#### REGULATIONS

The J. V. Fletcher Library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (legal holidays excepted) from 1:30 till 5, and from 6:30 till 9:00 P. M.

The Nabnasset deposit station at the home of Mrs. Edgar S. Peterson is open Tuesday afternoon and evening.

The Forge Village deposit station at the Post-Office in charge of Mrs. Josephine Connell is open daily.

New books of fiction can be kept only one week; but there may be one renewal. All other books may be kept four weeks. Renewals may be made by telephone or by postal.

No book shall be transferred, or acknowledged as returned, unless delivered to the librarian.

For each day that a book is kept beyond the prescribed time a fine of one cent is charged.

Borrowers finding books mutilated or defaced should report the fact to the librarian.

#### LIST OF BOOKS ADDED, 1944

Adams, Dorothy—We stood alone.....	B A2118
Adams, Jas. T.—Album of American history, colonial period.....	973 A
Ashburn, Frank D.—Peabody of Groton.....	B P350
Bache, Carol—Paradox isle (Japan).....	915.2 B4
Bailey, Albert E.—Daily life in Bible times.....	220.93 B
Baldwin, Hanson W.—The navy at war; paintings and drawings .....	940.545 B1
Banning, Margaret C.—Conduct yourself accordingly.....	170 B7
Barbour, Thomas—That vanishing Eden; a naturalist's Florida .....	574.97 B
Beard, Chas. A. and Mary R.—A basic history of the United States .....	973 B2
Beebe, Chas. W., ed.—Book of naturalists .....	574.08 B
Bemelmans, Ludwig—The donkey inside .....	918.6 B1
Blanding, Don—Pilot bails out.....	811 B5
Bowen, Catherine D.—Yankee from Olympus; Justice Holmes..	B H7521
Brooks, VanWyck—World of Washington Irving.....	810.9 B2
Brown, Joe E.—Your kids and mine.....	940.5477 B
Brown, John M.—Many a watchful night.....	940.542 B1
—To all hands, an amphibious adventure.....	940.545 B
Burroughs, Harry E.—Boys in men's shoes.....	362.75 B
Cable, Mildred and French, Francesca—The Gobi desert.....	915.17 C
Capen, Thos. W.—Country homes of famous Americans.....	920.07 C
Carcopino, Jerome—Daily life in ancient Rome.....	937 C2
Carse, Robert—Lifeline, our merchant marine at war.....	940.545 C1
Cave, Hugh B. and others—Long were the nights.....	940.545 C2
Chamberlain, Samuel—Ever New England; photographs.....	917.4 C
Chase, Mary E.—The Bible and the common reader.....	220.88 C1
Childs, Marquis Wm.—Sweden, the middle way.....	330.948 C
Clark, E. T.—Chiangs of China .....	B C532
Coatsworth, Elizabeth—Country neighborhood.....	917.41 C2
Coleman, Satis and Bregman, Adolph—Songs of American folks .....	784.4973 C
Colman, Elizabeth—Portugal, wharf of Europe.....	914.69 C
Conger, Elizabeth M.—American tanks and tank destroyers.....	358.1 C
Connolly, Jas. B.—Sea-borne; 30 years a-voyaging.....	B C753
Crane, Aimée, ed.—Art in the armed forces.....	940.5497 C
Craven, Thomas, ed.—Cartoon cavalcade .....	741.5 C

Cross, Wilbur L.—Connecticut Yankee .....	B C950
Current biography, 1943; who's news and why .....	920 C2
Dahl, Francis W.—Dahl's cartoons .....	741.5 D
Davis, Malvin E.—Industrial life insurance in the U. S. ....	368.3 D
Drepperd, Carl W.—Primer of American antiques.....	749 D2
Dubkin, Leonard—The murmur of wings .....	598.2 D1
Duff, Annis—"Bequest of wings"; a family's pleasures with books .....	028.5 D
Eberle, Irmengarde—Nurse! .....	610.73 E
Eddy, Walter H. and Hawley, G. G.—We need vitamins.....	612.39 E
Einstein, Lewis—Roosevelt; his mind in action (Theodore)..	B R781.15
Embree, Edwin R.—Brown Americans .....	326 E
—13 against the odds.....	920.07 E
Exton, William, jr.—He's in the destroyers now .....	359.32 E
Farrington, Selwyn K., jr.—Railroads at war.....	656.2 F
Fausset, Hugh I.—Walt Whitman, poet of democracy .....	B W615.2
Fink, David H.—Release from nervous tension .....	131 F3
Fischer, Markoosha—My lives in Russia.....	947.084 F
Floyd, Olive—Doctora in Mexico .....	B D140
Fosdick, Harry E.—A great time to be alive.....	252 F
Fox, Sidney A.—Your eyes .....	611.84 F
Friedman, Lee M.—Jewish pioneers and patriots .....	296 F
Garwood, Darrell—Artist in Iowa; a life of Grant Wood.....	B W875
Gatti, Attilio—Mediterranean spotlights .....	914 G
Gerard, Francis—Malta magnificent .....	940.544 G
Goodrich, Luther C.—A short history of the Chinese people.....	951 G
Graubard, Mark A.—Man's food, its rhyme or reason.....	641.1 G
Greenslet, Ferris—Under the bridge .....	B G816
Grew, Joseph C.—Ten years in Japan.....	952.033 G
Gronowicz, Antoni—Paderewski, pianist and patriot .....	B P123
Gunther, John—D day .....	940.542 G
Hahn, Emily—China to me .....	B H148
Halifax, Chas. L. W.—Lord Halifax's ghost book.....	133.1 H
Haskell, Ruth G.—Helmets and lipstick .....	940.5476 H
Hauser, Gayelord—Diet does it.....	612.39 H
Hazard, Paul—Books, children and men .....	028.5 H1
Helmericks, Constance—We live in Alaska.....	917.98 H2
Herring, Hubert C.—Good neighbors, Argentina, Brazil, Chile and 17 other countries .....	980 H
Hetherington, John A.—Airborne invasion .....	940.542 H1
Hewitt, Edward R.—Those were the days .....	B H611
Hicks, John D.—Short history of American democracy.....	973 H7
Hogner, Dorothy C.—Our American horse.....	636.1 H1
Holt, Luther E.—Care and feeding of children.....	649.1 H1
Holton, Edith A.—Yankees were like this .....	B H758

Hough, Donald—Captain Retread .....	355.12	H1
Hutton, Bud and Rooney, A. A.—Air gunner.....	940.544	H
Jaques, Florence P.—Snowshoe country .....	917.76	J
Jennison, Keith—New Hampshire .....	917.42	J
Johnson, Osa—Bride in the Solomons .....	919.35	J
Johnston, Stanley—Grim reapers .....	940.545	J1
Jones, E. Stanley—Christ of the American road .....	277.3	J
Jordanoff, Assen—Power and flight .....	629.134	J
Jull, Morley A.—Successful poultry management .....	636.5	J
Keller, Jas. G. and Berger, Meyer—Men of Maryknoll .....	266.2	K
Kimbrough, Emily—How dear to my heart .....	B	K493
Kraus, Rene—Winston Churchill in the mirror.....	B	C5638
Krutch, Joseph W.—Samuel Johnson .....	B	J694.3
Landon, Margaret M.—Anna and the king of Siam.....	B	L586
Lane, James W.—Whistler .....	759.1	L
Lanks, Herbert C.—Highway to Alaska .....	917.98	L
Lasker, Bruno—Peoples of southeast Asia .....	915.9	L
Lattimore, Owen and Eleanor H.—The making of modern China.....	951	L2
Leeming, Joseph—Fun with clay .....	731	L
—Games to make and play at home.....	793	L
Leyson, Burr W.—Elements of mechanics .....	620.1	L
Lippman, Walter—U. S. war aims .....	940.531	L
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Respectfully submitted,

MAY E. DAY, Librarian.



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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD

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### Town Clerk

Charles L. Hildreth .....Term expires February, 1948

### Selectmen

Arthur M. Whitley, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1946

Cyril A. Blaney .....Term expires February, 1947

Arthur L. Healy, Secretary.....Term expires February, 1948

### Assessors

John J. O'Connell .....Term expires February 1946

Edward F. Harrington, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1947

Samuel A. Fletcher, Secretary.....Term expires February, 1948

### Board of Public Welfare

Reginald Blowey, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1946

William L. Wall .....Term expires February, 1947

Samuel A. Richards, Chairman.....Term expires February, 1948

### Treasurer

Charlotte P. Greig .....Term expires February, 1947

### Collector of Taxes

David I. Olsson .....Term expires February, 1947

### Moderator

Ben W. Drew

### Constable

John F. Sullivan

### School Committee

Dorothy E. Chandler, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1946  
Frederick W. Gatenby, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1946  
Robert M. Hunter .....Term expires February, 1947  
F. Stanley Smith .....Term expires February, 1947  
William J. Kelly .....Term expires February, 1948  
H. Arnold Wilder .....Term expires February, 1948

### Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library

William C. Roudenbush, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1946  
Alice M. Howard, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1947  
William R. Taylor .....Term expires February, 1948

### Librarian

May E. Day

### Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Axel G. Lundberg .....Term expires February, 1946  
Sebastian B. Watson .....Term expires February, 1947  
Fred R. Blodgett .....Term expires February, 1948

### Board of Health

Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., Chairman .....Term expires February, 1946  
Ralph E. Cole, M. D.....Term expires February, 1947  
Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Secretary.....Term expires February, 1948

### Agents of Board of Health

Albert A. Hildreth, Agent

Dorothy A. Healy, R. N., Agent, Public Health Nurse and Collector of  
Samples

Charles L. Hildreth, Agent to issue Burial Permits

Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., Inspector of Dairies

### Tree Warden and Superintendent of Moth Department

Harry L. Nesmith

## Director for Demonstration Work in Agriculture and Home Economics

Mabel M. Nixon

### Finance Committee

W. Otis Day .....	Term expires March 1, 1946
E. Kent Allen .....	Term expires March 1, 1946
Herford N. Elliott .....	Term expires March 1, 1947
Everett A. Scott .....	Term expires March 1, 1947
John Shea, Jr. ....	Term expires March 1, 1948
Albert G. Forty .....	Term expires March 1, 1948

### Committee in Charge of Whitney Playground

Charles L. Hildreth	John Fisher	Morris A. Hall
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### Special Town Forest Committee

William E. Wright .....	Term expires March, 1946
Edwin H. Gould .....	Term expires March, 1947
Fred R. Blodgett .....	Term expires March, 1948

### Registrars of Voters

Norman E. Day .....	Term expires March 31, 1946
Paul L. Dunigan .....	Term expires March 31, 1947
James J. McKniff .....	Term expires March 31, 1948
Charles L. Hildreth, Clerk Ex-Officio	

### Precinct Officers

Precinct 1.—Warden, Alonzo H. Sutherland (R); Deputy Warden, Fisher Buckshorn (R); Clerk, Robert J. Spinner (D); Deputy Clerk, Edward T. Sullivan (D); Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson (R); Morris A. Hall (R); Leo C. McDonald (D); Henry E. Gamage (D); Deputy Inspectors, Albert A. Hildreth (R); Howard H. Ferguson (R); Edward L. Dailey (D); Francis H. Chandonait (D).

Precinct 2.—Warden, Frank P. Shugrue (D); Deputy Warden, Clifford G. Carpentier (D); Clerk, Alfred T. W. Prinn (R); Deputy Clerk, William L. Wall (R); Inspectors, Charles A. Blodgett (R); Roy E. Blanchard (R); John E. Connolly (D); John W. Spinner (D); Deputy Inspectors, Walter N. Fletcher (R); Howard V. Anderson (R); Raymond A. Wall (D); Louis F. Oliver (D).

Precinct 3.—Warden John E. Leslie (D); Deputy Warden, Richard McGlinchey (D); Clerk, Harlan E. Knowlton (R)); Deputy Clerk, William W. Gilhon (R); Inspectors, Swan G. Swanson (R); Julia E. Knowlton (R); Eileen R. McGlinchey (D); Eva A. Deforge (D); Deputy Inspectors, Umberto P. Colarusso (R); Alice E. Whitcomb (R); John A. Eliason (D); Fred Shugrue (D).

Precinct 4.—Warden, Leo J. Connell (D); Deputy Warden, John M. Mulligan (D); Clerk, Edmund J. Hunt (R); Deputy Clerk, Robert J. Orr (R); Inspectors, James Kelly, Jr. (D); Donald E. Courchaine (D); Reginald Blowey (R); Victor B. Daly (R); Deputy Inspectors, Richard Lyons (D); Albert F. Hobson (D); Arthur T. Greenslade (R); Everett A. Scott (R).

Note—(R) Republican; (D) Democrat.

#### Chief of Police

John F. Sullivan

#### Regular Police Officer

John L. Connell

#### Dog Officers

John F. Sullivan

John L. Connell

#### Special Police Officers

Allan Adams	Wilfred Gelinas	John O'Neill
Gregory G. Beskalo, Jr.	Winslow P. George	Robert J. Orr
Elmer P. Brown	George Gervais	Edmund F. Pendlebury
Edw. C. Buckingham	J. Austin Healy	Amos B. Polley
Lawrence J. Charlton	Donald Holt	Edmund D. Rogers
Leo J. Connell	Ralph J. Hulslander	Winthrop W. Sargent
John E. Connolly	Lester J. Liddle	Rboert J. Spinner
Arthur F. Daly	David Lord	Edward J. St. Onge
Arthur J. Deforge	Thomas McGrath	William L. Wall
Charles E. Dudevoir	John J. O'Connell	Frank A. Wright
Charles Flanagan	Louis F. Oliver	

#### Police Woman

Dorothy A. Healy, R. N.

**Superintendent of Streets**

J. Austin Healy

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Albert A. Hildreth

**Inspector of Animals**

Amos B. Polley

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

Amos B. Polley

**Forest Warden**

Leo R. Larkin

**Deputies Appointed by the Forest Warden**

Reginald Blowey	Richard W. Hall	Robert J. Spinner
Thomas Curley	F. Everett Miller	Harold E. Wright
Austin D. Fletcher	Edmund D. Rogers	

**Engineers of the Fire Department**

Richard W. Hall, Clerk	Edmund D. Rogers, Chief
Harold E. Wright, Assistant Chief	

**Town Accountant and Clerk of Board of Selectmen**

Genevieve A. Healy

**Soldiers' Relief Agent**

Genevieve A. Healy

**Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors**

Arthur T. Greenslade

**Superintendent of Westford Infirmary**

Leo J. Connell

**Keeper of the Lockup**

Leo J. Connell

**Town Fish and Game Warden**

Edmund L. Provost

**Janitor of Town House**

Frank A. Wright

**Janitor of Library Building**

Frank A. Wright

**Caretaker of Common**

Harold R. Hanning

**Town Counsel**

Edward L. Monahan

**Fence Viewers**

Charles A. Blodgett

Marden H. Seavey

Edwin H. Gould

**Field Drivers**

Fisher Buckshorn

William Hunt, Jr.

John J. Tandus, Jr.

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

Charles A. Blodgett

Edwin H. Gould

Arthur L. Healy

Fred W. Burnham

Isaac L. Hall

J. Austin Healy

Charles Freeman

P. Henry Harrington

Edmund L. Provost

### Weighers of General Commodities

James J. Dubey	J. Austin Healy, Jr.	Joseph J. Oliver, Jr.
Kenneth Dunn	Richard K. Healy	John L. Shea
Arthur L. Healy	J. Armand Milot	
J. Austin Healy	Walter Nyder	

### Weighers of Granite for H. E. Fletcher Co.

Kenneth Andrews	Rudolph Haberman, Jr.	Genevieve Sutcliffe
Elaine Colburn	Florence Manning	Gertrude Tucker
John H. Gantzel	Luzern Safford	
	Elizabeth A. Walsh	

### Weighers of Textile Commodities

Marjorie E. Abreu	Margaret J. Egerton	Ellen A. Oldham
Arthur J. Barker	Clara E. Emslie	Robert J. Orr, Jr.
Albert J. Burne	Edith Hairnsworth	Marie C. Parmentier
Edwin L. Burne	Eleanor Haley	Arline Plouffe
J. Clarence Burne	Nellie Hartley	William E. Robinson
Cora E. Carver	George Healy	Winthrop W. Sargent
Vivian Charlton	James Hobson	George Sedach
Theresa Chateaufneuf	Clifford Jones	John Shackleton
Edith E. Costello	Fred Martin	Blanche Sienkiewicz
Lillian L. Costello	Elizabeth A. May	Thomas W. Sugden
Annie Daly	Martha McEnnie	Ellen Villers
Victor B. Daly	Edward F. McLenna	Lillian S. Walsh
Grace DeCarteret	Lester A. McLenna	Josephine Woitowicz
William Donnelly	William Q. MacQuarrie	Stanley Zarnowski
	Michael T. Mossdrop	

### Assistant Town Clerk

Alice A. Hildreth

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NOTE.—The law requires that certain officers, including Measurers and Weighers, in order to qualify as such officers, be sworn in, and a record of their oath be filed with the Town Clerk.

## BIRTHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1945

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
Aug. 26	Abbood, Carol Ann	Arthur A. and Rose (Hamwey)
June 27	Adams, Claire June	John M. and Ann M. (Curley)
Sept. 27	Allen, Deborah Tacy	E. Kent and Harriet (Bolton)
May 12	Anderson, Janice Elaine	Howard V. and Anne T. (Tandus)
Sept. 22	Benoit, Lionel Joseph, Jr.	Lionel J. and Evelyn M. (Daly)
May 29	Bohenko, Jane Alice	Walter P. and Ellen (Holmes)
Nov. 22	Bohenko, Susan Barbara	Anthony R. and Rita (Gevry)
Dec. 31	Bolduc, Richard Lionel	Marcel E. and Rolande J. (Lamy)
Feb. 13	Burchfield, Kenneth Michael	Edward E. and Mary M. (Carbo)
May 11	Burne, Stephen Paul	J. Clarence and Bessie M. (Jackson)
Oct. 15	Cantin, William Francis	Roland and Catherine (Latham)
Oct. 30	Carbonneau, Gloria Delores Mary	William J. and Adella L. (Crete)
July 21	Casino, Marilyn Lee	Victor and Jeannie (Richardson)
Feb. 19	Cote, Elaine Esther	Gaston J. and Una (Bechard)
June 16	Coupal, Deana Lee	Napoleon A. and Hilda J. (Morton)
Oct. 28	Czachor, Robert Stanley	Walter and Victoria M. (Kazeniak)
Sept. 26	Daly Paul Francis	Victor B. and Mary J. (Coffey)
Aug. 24	Dombrosk, Paul Harry	Harry F. Jr. and Violet L. (Gronberg)
Jan. 22	Dozois, Daniel Donald	Henry A. and Claire M. (Richard)
Oct. 31	Dubey, Barbara Alice	George F. and Lillian M. (Cote)
Mar. 23	Dubey, Patricia Elizabeth	Peter A. and Christina (Guolla)
June 11	Elliott, Francis James	Augustine R. and Beatrice M. (Dapkus)
May 19	Fletcher, Henry Andrew	Harold H. Jr. and Edith (Allison)
Oct. 26	Gagnon, Patricia Ann	John F. and Marie J. (Ricard)
Aug. 3	Gelinas, Norman John	Armand H. and Claire (LeCourt)
Aug. 5	Hall, William Alan	Albert L. and Doris A. (Pray)
Mar. 21	Haran, Catherine	John T. and Genevieve (Szylyvian)
Dec. 22	Healy, Richard James	Richard H. and Mildred R. (Sullivan)
Dec. 10	Hildreth, Ronald Edward	Leon F. and Edessa J. E. (Crawford)
Jan. 17	Holmes, Susanne Frances	Arthur and Jeannette (Leduc)
Sept. 26	Jacobs, Nancy Evelyn	Carl F. and Irene (Morton)
Jan. 11	Jeter, Gordon Spencer	Tilman S. and Dorothy P. (Gordon)
Oct. 7	Jewett, Wesley Kenneth	Ellsworth J. D. and Lois O. (Hall)
Sept. 18	Kierstead, Margaret Evelyn	Thomas E. and Lillian M. (Brown)

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
May 21	Knickerbocker, Peter William	Maxmillian R. and Alfreda (Barnetson)
Jan. 30	Lane, Richard John	Frederick L. and Mary M. (Rooney)
Apr. 1	Leedberg, Judith Ann	Waldo S. and Margaret K. (Hogan)
Aug. 28	MacMillan, Paul Roger	William C. and Rena F. (Cote)
Dec. 22	McDonald, Bruce Lovell	Paul A. and Barbara (Blackadar)
Oct. 3	Moore, Charlotte Anne	Charles E. and Therese (Bellemare)
Aug. 20	Munroe, Carol Ann	Howard T. and Agnes M. (LaFontaine)
Apr. 1	Noel, Peter Arthur	Joseph A. and Florence (Lacroix)
Mar. 22	Palma, Richard Salvator	Salvator J. and Adrienne D. (Richard)
July 24	Patenaude, Armand Lee	Leo F. and Gladys M. (Earle)
Feb. 5	Ricard, Arthur William	Uldege and Dorothy M. (Golla)
Oct. 28	Ricard, Carol	Joseph and Ida (Boucher)
Feb. 5	Saraceni, Theresa	Antonio and Susie (Saraceni)
Mar. 6	Socha, Lorraine Ellen	Marygan A. and Regina L. (Richard)
Aug. 8	Stepinski, James Edward	Henry J. and Dorothy C. (Riley)
June 24	Sullivan, Yvonne Theresa	M. Joseph and Yvonne R. (Gadourey)
Apr. 24	Sundberg, Devin Ruth	Rupert F. and Ruth A. (Douglas)
June 21	Tandus, John Joseph, Jr.	John J. and Rita C. (Lagasse)
May 4	Telangitz, Sharon Ann	Lauren and Zonia (Denisevich)
May 21	Tellier, Marie Louise Cecile	Louis F. G. and Cecile (Ouellette)
May 3	Tevlin, Kathleen June	Thomas J. and June K. (Weaver)
Apr. 11	Tzikopoulos	Charles and Anna (Psarias)
May 18	Valcourt, Paul Roger	Roland and Mary G. (Milot)
Feb. 21	VanTassell, Helen Jane	Roger and Helen (Wilson)
July 20	Vickery, Gloria Ann Marie	Walter E. and Cecile M. (Boisvert)
Apr. 10	Vincent, Mariane Therese	J. A. Donat and M. Jeanne (Bouchard)
Aug. 12	Whitman, Barbara Elaine	Allison B. and Mabel (Morse)
Nov. 26	Whitney, Donna Louise	Donald A. and Virginia R. (Smith)
Dec. 12	Whitney, Graham Nelson	Roland and Marion (Sleeper)
Aug. 2	Zukowski, Alvin Terry	Edward and Alda (Milot)

Total Number Recorded: Males 33; Females 34; Total 67

## MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1945

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
Nov. 10	Ainsworth, James	27	Lowell	Lowell
	Zanchi, Virginia	28	Westford	Westford
Aug. 20	Antonelli, Doro	23	Westford	Chelsea
	Rockwell, Barbara June	21	Dunstable	Lowell
June 16	Barnes, Donald Francis	31	Westford	Lowell
	Merritt, Elizabeth Dorothy	23	Lowell	Saugus
Nov. 24	Bemis, Edward Ellsworth	27	Maynard	Sudbury
	Shackleton, Mary Veronica	22	Westford	Westford
Sept. 16	Benson, Carl Oscar	40	Westford	Westford
	Hutchinson, Ruby Clara	33	Lowell	Chelmsford
Apr. 21	Brown, Russell Renicke	26	Kileville, Ohio	Clarksburg, Ohio
	Johnson, Christine Christian- son	26	Westford	Westford
June 10	Cantin, Henry Emory	24	Westford	Westford
	McCarthy, Karleen Gertrude	23	Westford	Westford
Apr. 22	Caunter, Francis Floyd	19	Westford	Westford
	McCarthy, Helen Gertrude	21	Lowell	Lowell
July 30	Collins, Alfred George	27	Salem	Salem
	Oliver, Annie Mary	22	Westford	Westford
Oct. 28	Cook, Robert Lincoln	29	Wilmington	Everett
	Barteaux, Marjorie Arlene	21	Westford	Westford
June 16	Deamcis, Victor Edward	20	Westford	Lowell
	Young, Margaret Genevieve	21	Westford	Westford
Dec. 5	DeWolfe, Clifford John	22	Westford	Newton
	Blue, Barbara Anne	19	Westford	Newton
Sept. 23	Doucette, Morris Nelson	29	Westford	Westford
	Murphy, Mary Muriel	25	Lowell	Lowell
July 23	Dubey, Lawrence Edward	19	Westford	Westford
	Robinson, Grace Etta	20	Westford	Westford
Aug. 15	Dubey, William James	22	Westford	Westford
	Dellana, Jean Adelina	20	Philadelphia, Pa.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dec. 2	Gelinas, Fernand Roger	20	Westford	Sanford, Me.
	Cote, Claire Mary	20	Westford	Westford
May 10	Hall, David Kenneth	36	Westford	Menands, N. Y.
	Fenton, Marilyn Jean	20	Tyngsboro	Akron, Ohio

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
Dec. 8	Haussler, Carl Frederick	52	Cranston, R. I.	Philadelphia, Pa.
	Precious, Mildred Veronica	41	Westford	Westford
June 14	Howell, George Henry	22	Towanda, Pa.	Saryse, Pa.
	Heman, Catharine Gertrude	20	Westford	Westford
Sept. 22	Josephson, Hans Gosta	34	Brockton	Kalmar, Sweden
	Ohs, Sonja Irene	30	Westford	Dalarna, Sweden
Apr. 28	L'Heureux, John Baptiste	23	Ayer	Ayer
	Ricard, Theresa Mary	21	Westford	Westford
Aug. 18	Lord, Robert Philip	26	Westford	Westford
	McRobbie, Mary Elizabeth	27	No. Andover	No. Andover
June 30	MacQuarrie, William			
	Quarters, Jr.	21	Westford	Westford
	Rondeau, Bernadette Jean- nette	26	Lowell	Lowell
June 9	Mahoney, George Raymond	22	Lowell	Lowell
	Mulligan, Jane Elizabeth	20	Westford	Westford
Nov. 12	Malloy, Raymond Geile, Jr.	20	Westford	Chelmsford
	Lemire, Marie Therese			
	Constance	19	Westford	Nashua, N. H.
Sept. 30	Mignault, Albert Russell	25	Westford	Warner, N. H.
	Nadolny, Bertha Margaret	24	Westford	Lowell
Nov. 24	Ociepka, Stanley	28	Westford	Lowell
	Mallozzi, Stella	27	Westford	Barre
Aug. 19	Perrins, Robert Hall	22	Westford	Enfield
	Gibson, Jean Shirley	17	Westford	Saugus
June 15	Riel, Hermas Israel	44	Lowell	Lowell
	Brisson, Corinne Celina (Lancot)	40	Westford	Sanford, Me.
Nov. 9	Rogers, Foster Carroll	37	Westford	Greensboro, Vt.
	Hildreth, Ruth Marion (Palmer)	39	Westford	Ayer
June 3	Sechovich, Peter	28	Westford	Westford
	Daranchuc, Nellie	27	Westford	Westford
Sept. 3	Shea, Herbert Joseph	42	Westford	Westford
	Dodge, Francena Mae (Hunt)	28	Littleton	Littleton
June 4	Standish, William Lee	24	Bedford, Indiana	Bedford, Indiana
	Swanson, Leslie Virginia	24	Westford	Westford
Apr. 29	Succo, Anthony B.	29	Westford	Boston
	DiGiovanni, Emily Barbara	25	Malden	Malden
Dec. 9	Valcourt, Theodore Joseph	27	Westford	St Rose de Gegele, Can.
	Cotreau, Catherine Rosella	23	Littleton	Wedgeport, Nova Scotia

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
July 14	Ward, John Norman	31	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
	Hall, Phyllis Gertrude	32	Westford	Westford
Oct. 27	White, David Bruce	26	Westford	Woodsville, N. H.
	Zubowicz, Helen Margaret	24	Westford	Westford
June 24	Whitney, Ivan Vassar	26	Westford	Westford
	Barteaux, Dorothy Marion	19	Westford	Groton

Total Number Recorded 38

## DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford, 1945

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Mar. 4	Baker, John—husband of Charlotte (Davis)	71	1	26
May 3	Blackadar, Florence (Robbins)—wife of George A.	61	10	19
June 26	Byron, Leo Joseph—husband of Rita (Cyr)	29	4	16
Dec. 14	Caunter, Elmer Wesley—husband of Bridget Mary (Downey)	67	—	18
Mar. 6	Clement, Mary E. (O'Connor)—wife of Peter E.	73	7	13
Aug. 23	Davis Frederick	75	7	—
July 1	Decatur, Guy Roberts	65	3	25
Mar. 15	Dow, James	68	1	4
July 25	Downing Almon Edward	83	2	10
Mar. 7	Drolet Mary Elizabeth (Butler)	68	4	8
Nov. 18	Dunn William Gibson	77	11	6
Nov. 17	Dupree Charles Franklin—husband of Frances (Crowther)	66	5	20
May 24	Edwards John	76	3	17
Mar. 24	Fletcher, Mary Etta (Gill)—wife of John H.	64	8	6
Sept. 6	Jelley, Charles—husband of Eva (Sousa)	36	1	29
May 21	LaCroix, Laura	37	9	9
June 2	Lamy, Germaine Mary (Melancon)—wife of Adam	35	10	27
Nov. 19	Lundstrom, Marie (Hedman)	68	1	22
June 18	Lyons, Jeanette	15	—	—
Feb. 28	McNiff, Thomas William	95	2	3
Oct. 8	Morrow, Hazel Elizabeth	36	2	9
Mar. 28	Odell, Robert	74	2	24
Mar. 5	Picking, Philip	42	3	10
Dec. 12	Smith, Ernest—husband of Alice (Kenney)	51	2	5
Jan. 6	Thompson, William E.	68	—	—
Jan. 2	Venn, William	79	5	28
Apr. 16	Wall, Albert R.	72	10	12
Mar. 23	Woodworth, Frederick Glenn—husband of Marion (Thompson)	64	1	16
Dec. 14	Wright, Mabel Blanche (Miller)—wife of Frank A.	56	1	19
		Males	Females	Total
Total Number Recorded.....		20	11	31
Number of Deaths in Town.....		10	5	15
Residents of Westford .....		19	10	29

## NOTE

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath made by one who was required by law, to furnish the information for the original record or by one or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case.

(See General Laws, Chapter 46, Section 13 as amended.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

Attention is particularly called to the following extracts from the General Laws:

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### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46

Section 1. Each city and town clerk shall receive or obtain and record \* \* \* facts relative to the births \* \* \* in his city or town.

Section 3. Every physician or medical officer registered shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge and \* \* \* shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred a report \* \* \* if the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both father and mother filed \* \* \* Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported \* \* \* A physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars \* \* \*

Section 4. A member or servant of a family in which a child is born, having knowledge of the facts required \* \* \* shall furnish the same upon request of the clerk of the town \* \* \* or of any person authorized by him. (Penalty for refusing, not more than ten dollars.)

Section 6. Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder within forty days after a birth in his house shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

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GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 207

Section 36. If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth, who return to dwell here, they shall within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the town where either of them lived at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of their marriage including the facts required in a notice of intention of marriage.

Section 55. Whoever violates Section 36 shall forfeit ten dollars.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish, parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital medical officers applying therefor, with blanks for return of births as required by law.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS

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Number of Dog Licenses issued from January 1, 1945 thru December 31, 1945:

184 Males at \$2.00.....	\$368.00	
34 Females at \$5.00.....	170.00	
52 Spayed Females at \$2.00.....	104.00	
3 Military (Males) .....		
1 Kennel .....	25.00	\$667.00

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274 Total

Clerk's fees at 20 cents on 271 Licenses.....\$ 54.20

Paid to Town as per Treasurer's Receipts.. 612.80                      \$667.00

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The attention of owners and keepers of dogs is called to the following extracts from Chapter 140 of the General Laws as amended:

Definition: "License period," the time between April first and the following March thirty-first, both dates inclusive.

Section. 137. A person who at the commencement of a license period is, or who during any license period becomes, the owner or keeper of a dog when it becomes three months old during a license period, shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed until the end of such license period, and the owner or keeper of a dog so registered, numbered, described and licensed during any license period, in order to own or keep such dog after the beginning of the succeeding license period, shall, before the beginning thereof, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for such period.—The registering, numbering, describing and licensing of a dog—shall be—if kept in any—town in the office of the clerk thereof.

The license shall be in a form prescribed by the director, upon a blank to be furnished,—by the county in which the town is located, and shall be subject to the condition expressed therein that the dog which is the subject of the license shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing live stock or fowls. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material,

to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form prescribed by the director, and upon which shall appear the license number, the name of the town issuing such license and the year of issue. Such tags shall be furnished in the same manner as the license blanks, and if any such tag shall be lost the owner or keeper of such dog shall forthwith secure a substitute tag from the town clerk—at a cost of ten cents which, if received by a town clerk, shall be retained by him unless otherwise provided by law.

Section 139. Fees for licenses. The fee for every license shall, except as otherwise provided, be two dollars for a male dog and five dollars for a female dog, unless a certificate of a registered veterinarian who performed the operation that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation has been filed with the town clerk, in which case the fee shall be two dollars. A certified copy of such certificate on file in the office of any town clerk within the commonwealth may be accepted as evidence that the said operation has been performed.——

## DOG LICENSES ISSUE THRU DECEMBER 31, 1945

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For License Year Ending March 31, 1946

Abbood, Arthur A. (m)	Blodgett, Chas A. & Fred R. (f)
Abbot, Edward M. (f)	Brisson, Arthur W. (2m)
Abbot, Edward M., Jr. (m)	Bubeshko, Alexander (m)
Abbot, John B. (m)	Budge, William (s)
Abbot, Natalie B. (m)	Burchfield, Milicent (m)
Abbott, Jessie (s)	Burke, George H. (m)
Abreu, Anthony (1m 1f)	Burne, Albert J. (m)
Allen E. Kent (s)	Burnham, David A. (f)
Anderson, Gustave L. (m)	Byron, Edward J. (m)
Anderson, Harold C. (m)	Caless, Charlotte J. (1m 1s)
Armour, Havelock (m)	Caless, Sybell L. (m)
Atwood, Florence E. (3m)	Carlsen, John (s)
Atwood, Jewett A. (s)	Carmichael, Charlotte (3f)
Bailey, Gordon D. (2m)	Carpentier, Frederick F. (s)
Baker, George A. (f)	Carter, John L. (s)
Barnes, Marguerite B. (f)	Carter, W. Wallace (s)
Belleville, Lillian M. (m)	Chandonait, Alphonse A. (m)
Benkoski, Florence (s)	Chandonait, George J. (f)
Blanchard, Roy E. (s)	Charlton, Elizabeth B. (m)

Charlton, Frances C. (m)	Frost, Ralph E. (s)
Clements, Edna Kittredge (s)	Gamage, Henry C. (m)
Colarusso, Umberto P. (m)	Gann, Carmel (m)
Cole, Ralph E. (s)	Gantzel, John H. (f)
Comey, Susannah (m)	Gardel, Fortuna (2m 1f)
Connell, Leo J. (m)	Gatenby, Frederick W. (s)
Conroy, Evelyn M. (m)	Gelinas, Wilfred (m)
Coupal, Anna M. (m)	Gould, Edwin H. (f)
Coupal, Napoleon (m)	Gower, George E. (m)
Courchaine, Joseph R. (m)	Gower, Robert F. (m)
Courtemanche, Louis (m)	Greenslade, Arthur T., Jr. (m)
Curley, Thomas (m)	Hagberg, Ernest A. (m)
Dane, Elizabeth A. (Kennel)	Haley, Frank L. (f)
Day, Avis E. (m)	Hall, Albert L. (m)
DeBow, Klein N. M. (s)	Hall, John H. (m)
DeLaHaye, Edmund J. (f)	Hall, Marjorie A. (s)
Desmond, David L. (m)	Hanson, Grace G. (m)
Dick, Samuel A. (2f)	Harless, Bert A., Jr. (m)
Donnelly, Harry G. (m)	Harrington, William C. (m)
Doucette, Clyde L. (s)	Hartford, Hazel B. (s)
Downing, Albert J. (m)	Healey, Stella P. (f)
Drew, Ben W. (s)	Healy, Anne G. (m)
Dubey, Frank T. (m)	Hebert, Irene H. (m)
Dubey, Peter A. (s)	Heman, Robert J. (m)
Dudevoir, Charles E. (m)	Hildreth, Barbara H. (m)
Dundas, John (f)	Hildreth, Leon F. (s)
Dunn, Kenneth (m)	Hodgson, Harry (m)
Dupras, Fred L. (m)	Holmes, James (f)
Eason, Paul H. (m)	Hook, Harold P. (m)
Eastman, Elizabeth A. (m)	Hotz, Marie J. (3m)
Elliott, Priscilla B. (2m)	Hubbel, Edgar G. (1m 1f)
Fallon, Owen P. (2m)	Ingalls, Harry M. (1m 1f)
Feeney, Adrith C. (m)	Jehu, Leroy (m)
Ferguson, Claire (m)	Jenson, Lillian A. (m)
Fisher, Frances B. (m)	Jewett, David H. (s)
Fitzpatrick, Frederick J. (m)	Kane, Lawrence R. (s)
Flagg, Maurice S. (m)	Keizer, Roy L. (s)
Flanagan, John F. (m)	Kofonicos, John (m)
Fletcher, E. Kennard (s)	Kostechko, Simon (m)
Fletcher, Harold H., Jr. (m)	Lambert, Thomas A. (m)
Fletcher, Priscilla K. (m)	Lamy, Charles (m)
Fletcher, Ralph A. (1m 1f)	Lamy, Joseph (m)
Foss, Raymond (m)	Latuch, Edward J. (m)
Friedrich, Valentine (m)	Lavigne, Stanley J. (m)

Leduc, Eleanor (m)	Poulin, Ernest L. (s)
Leedberg, Clarence O. (m)	Profita, Joseph M. (s)
Leage, Dorothy R. (1m 1s)	Provost, Edmund L. (m)
Longden, Henry W. (s)	Provost, Mary A. (m)
Lowery, Samuel R. (m)	Pulsifer, Walter T. (s)
MacDougall, Allister F. (m)	Reeves, Frances L. (s)
MacQuarrie, William Q. (m)	Ricard, Uldege (m)
Maffini, Carlo (m)	Rice, Ralph R. (m)
Maffini, Gloria (f)	Richards, Samuel A. (m)
Maguire, Francis C. (m)	Robbins, Harold M. (m)
Mann, Clarence W. (2m)	Rogers, Edmund D. (1m 1s)
Mann, Mabel E. (s)	Romanowsky, Arnold P. (m)
Marshall, Michael (m)	Roudenbush, William C. (s)
Mathieu, Joseph N. (m)	Russell, Edward F. (m)
May, Rowena C. (s)	Sawosik, Michael (m)
May, Thomas E. (m)	Scott, Everett A. (2m)
McKniff, Winifred C. (m)	Shea, W. Raymond (f)
Merrick, Mary (m)	Shugrue, Frank P. (m)
Michelson, Jacob (m)	Sienkiewicz, John (s)
Miller, F. Everett (m)	Simons, Sigmund (1m 1s)
Miller, Rita H. (f)	Sjokvist, Frank C. (m)
Milot, Armand (m)	Smith, F. Stanley (s)
Mountain, Albert E. (1m 1f)	Smith, Paul F. (m)
Mountain, Shirley M. (m)	Spinner, Robert J. (m)
Munroe, Albert H. (s)	Stannlonis, Jacob (m)
Munroe, Howard T. (s)	Sullivan, Blanche L. (m)
Nylund, Carl R. (s)	Sullivan, Margaret (m)
Odell, Charles Q. (m)	Szylvian, Adam (m)
Oikle, Eleanor A. (2f)	Tandus, John (m)
O'Leary, Charles G. (s)	Tandus, John J., Jr. (f)
Olsson, David I. (s)	Taylor, William R. (m)
Orr, Robert J. (m)	Totton, Thomas F. (2m)
Ouellette, Grace M. (s)	Traversa, Antonio J. (m)
Page, Narcisse (m)	Turner, Virginia H. (m)
Palmer, Charles O. (m)	Tuttle, Ruth P. (s)
Palmer, Eunice M. (m)	Venn, John J. (m)
Palmer, Jack M. (m)	Vickers, Ephraim (2m)
Peck, Robert M. (m)	Voropay, Nicholas (m)
Perkins, Joseph J. (1m 1f)	Vyskaska Mary (m)
Perrins, Robert H. (m)	Wark, Donald T. (m)
Perrins, William A 3rd (m)	Wells, Alice M. (s)
Petersen, John (m)	Whitcomb, Alice E. (s)
Picking, Bernice G. (m)	White, Mary B. (m)
Picking, Margaret G. (m)	Whitney, Grace L. (m)

Whitney, Hamilton E. (1m 1f)	Woodard, Rita (s)
Whitney, Hamilton E., Jr. (m)	Woodruff, David (m)
Whitney, John W. (2m)	Worden, Lester A. (f)
Whitney, Patricia Ann (m)	Wright, Frank A. (m)
Wilder, George S. (m)	Wyman, Iona F. (s)
Williamson, Oscar (f)	York, J. Ellsworth (m)
Wilson, Raymond S. (2m)	Young, George R. (m)
Wilson, T. Arthur E. (m)	Zubowicz, Leon (m)
Wood, Francis C. (m)	Zukowski, Alda (m)

NOTE: (m) Male; (f) Female; (s) Spayed Female.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, FEBRUARY 12, 1945

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	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Total
Whole Number of Ballots Cast....	47	43	8	45	143

## TOWN CLERK

Charles L. Hildreth.....	46	34	8	36	124
Blanks .....	1	9	0	9	19

## SELECTMAN

Arthur L. Healy.....	41	39	8	43	131
Samuel A. Richards.....	1	0	0	0	1
Freda V. Prescott .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	4	4	0	2	10

## ASSESSOR

Samuel A. Fletcher.....	43	35	8	32	118
Herbert Shea .....	1	0	0	0	1
Arthur Whitley .....	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks .....	3	8	0	12	23

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Samuel A. Richards .....	43	31	8	29	111
Blanks .....	4	12	0	16	32

## CONSTABLE

John F. Sullivan .....	45	35	8	37	125
Blanks .....	2	8	0	8	18

## MODERATOR

Ben W. Drew .....	42	28	7	30	107
Blanks .....	5	15	1	15	36

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Vote for Two

William J. Kelly .....	43	33	6	39	121
H. Arnold Wilder .....	39	23	6	23	91
Blanks .....	12	30	4	28	74

## TRUSTEE OF THE J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

William R. Taylor.....	44	28	7	35	114
Blanks .....	3	15	1	10	29

# CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

Fred R. Blodgett .....	42	31	6	30	109
Blanks .....	5	12	2	15	34

# BOARD OF HEALTH

Dwight W. Cowles .....	43	33	7	40	123
Blanks .....	4	10	1	5	20

# TREE WARDEN

Harry L. Nesmith .....	44	30	7	34	115
Richard W. Hall.....	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	3	12	1	11	27

We hereby certify that the above is a true canvass of the Votes Cast at the Annual Town Election held February 12, 1945.

Attest:

JAMES J. McNIFF  
ALBERT R. WALL  
NORMAN E. DAY  
CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Board of Registrars of Voters.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—FEBRUARY 19, 1945

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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, February 19, 1945 at one o'clock P. M., the following business was transacted:

Ben W. Drew, Town Moderator, was sworn in by Charles L. Hildreth, Town Clerk, and called the meeting to order.

Rev. Carl F. Jacobs, Pastor of the Methodist Church, offered prayer.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

Article 1. The Committee on By-Laws appointed by the Moderator under Article 17 of the Annual Town Meeting held February 17, 1944, reported progress. It was voted to extend the time for making the Committee's final report until the next Annual Town Meeting.

Voted to accept the Reports of the Finance Committee, other Committees, Boards of Officers, as corrected.

Article 2. Voted that the Compensation of Town Officers be as follows: Selectmen, Chairman \$200.00; other two Members \$175.00 each; Board of Public Welfare, Chairman, \$20.00; other two members \$10.00 each; Town Treasurer \$1,300.00; Town Clerk \$250.00; Collector of Taxes .75 of 1% of the amount collected; Tree Warden \$0.53 per hour; Assessors \$4.50 per day of eight hours; Registrars and Assistant Registrars of Voters \$4.50 per day of eight hours for Listing as required by law.

### Article 3.

1. Voted that the sum of \$9,950.00 be raised and appropriated for General Government, divided as follows: Selectmen \$750.00; License Expenses \$75.00; Town Treasurer \$1,650.00; Town Accountant \$1,175.00; Assessors \$2,000.00; Tax Collector \$1,750.00; Town Counsel \$200.00; Tax Title Expense \$1,000.00; Town Clerk \$600.00; Election and Registration \$750.00.
2. Voted that the sum of \$2,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the General Expenses of the Town Hall.

3. Voted that the sum of \$6,575.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the Expenses of the Police Department.
4. Voted that the sum of \$7,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the Expenses of the Fire Department, divided as follows: General Expenses \$4,000.00; Repairing Heating System \$500.00 Permanent Man \$500.00 and \$2500.00 for the purchase of Double Jacketed Number 1 Quality Fire Hose with Brass Fittings.
- 5 Voted to lay Item 5 on the table.
6. Voted that the sum of \$125.00 be raised and appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.
7. Voted that the sum of \$75.00 be raised and appropriated for the Salary and Expenses of the Fish and Game Warden.
8. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of Fighting Forest Fires.
9. Voted that the sum of \$100.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Town Forest.
10. Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Tree Warden.
11. Voted that the sum of \$900.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Moth Department.
12. Voted that the sum of \$3,500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Health Department.
13. Voted that the sum of \$150.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Cattle Inspector.
14. a. Voted that the sum of \$8,500.00 be raised and appropriated for Snow and Ice Removal.  
b. Voted that the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated for Town Roads.
15. Voted that the sum of \$32,750.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Welfare Department, divided as follows: Temporary Aid and Infirmary \$12,750.00; Aid to Dependent Children \$3,500.00; Old Age Assistance \$16,500.00.
16. Voted that the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Soldiers' Benefits.

17. A Motion that the sum of \$78,500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the General Expenses of the School Department, was lost.

A Motion that the sum of \$83,000.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the General Expenses of the School Department, was lost.

Voted that the sum of \$84,500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the General Expenses of the School Department.

18. Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for Vocational School Tuition.
19. Voted that the sum of \$2,400.00 be raised and appropriated, together with the Receipts from Dog Licenses in 1944, for the Expenses of the Public Library.
20. Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of the Common.
21. Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of Commemorating Memorial Day.
22. Voted that the sum of \$725.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of Publishing and Distributing the Town Reports.
23. Voted that the sum of \$700.00 be raised and appropriated for Compensation Insurance.
24. Voted that the sum of \$1,700.00 be raised and appropriated for Fire Insurance.
25. Voted to dismiss Item 25 relative to General Loans.
26. Voted to dismiss Item 26 relative to Interest on General Loans.
27. Voted that the sum of \$25.00 be raised and appropriated for Interest on Revenue Loans.
28. Voted that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of Cemeteries.
29. Voted to lay Item 29 on the table until Article 14 has been disposed of.
30. Voted that the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section

6 and that the sum of \$10.00 be raised and appropriated, to be used by the Finance Committee, for payment of Membership Fee in the Association of Town Finance Committees.

31. Voted that the sum of \$1,079.44 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying Unpaid Bills of 1944, to be divided as follows: Health Department—Lakeville State Sanatorium \$172.50; Temporary Aid—Austin D. Fletcher \$3.00; Grodno Store \$21.00; New England Telephone and Telegraph Company \$278.00; Division of Child Guardianship \$286.00; Board of Public Welfare, Lowell \$387.40; TOTAL \$700.18; Infirmary—Albert St. Cyr \$2.35; Lowell Electric Light Corporation \$11.13; Dr. Cyril A. Blaney \$8.00; Ideal Racket Store \$3.76; Westford Water Company \$44.35; Walter N. Fletcher \$16.00; Middlesex Supply Company \$3.59; TOTAL \$89.18; Fire Department—New England Telephone and Telegraph Company \$10.08; Old Age Assistance—Dr. Cyril A. Blaney \$107.50.

5. Voted to take Item 5 from the table.

Voted that the sum of \$3,350.00 be raised and appropriated for Fire Hydrants.

Article 4. Voted unanimously that the Town Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the current financial year and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 5. Voted that the sum of \$10,375.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that, in addition, the sum of \$10,375.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury.

Article 6. Voted that the sum of \$2,700.00 be raised and appropriated for Maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, on condition that like amounts be contributed by either or both the State and County respectively, to be used in conjunction therewith, and that, in addition,

the sum of \$5,400.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury.

Article 7. Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to act as its Agent in any suit or suits which may arise during the current year, with authority to settle and adjust claims or demands for or against the Town, and to employ Counsel whenever in their judgment it is advisable so to do, and that the amount of any settlement or settlements made by the Selectmen of demands against the Town, and the charges and expenses of Counsel, be paid out of Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury.

Article 8. Voted that the sum of \$1,429.62 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the Town's share of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital as assessed in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws.

Article 9. Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of the Whitney Playground.

Article 10. Voted that the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated for Band Concerts during the current year.

Article 11. Voted that the sum of \$1,400.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the Salaries and Expenses of the Ration Board, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Westford Ration Board.

12. Voted that the sum of \$2,559.00 be transferred from the Machinery Fund to the Highway Equipment Account.

Article 13. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to install two additional lights on Prescott Street in Forge Village.

Article 14. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to install one additional light on Beacon Street in Graniteville.

Article 3. 29. Voted to take Article 3, Item 29 from the Table.

Voted that the sum of \$7,055.00 be raised and appropriated for Street Lights.

Article 15. Voted that the sum of \$67.25 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying into the Contributory Retirement System the Town's portion of the amount which would have been paid into said Retirement System by former Westford teachers who are now in the military or naval services, all as provided in Section 9 of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941, as amended by Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 16. Voted that the sum of \$10.00 be raised and appropriated for Demonstration Work in Agriculture and Home Economics, and that a Director be elected, under the Provisions of Chapter 128, Sections 40-45 of the General Laws, as amended.

Mabel M. Nixon was elected Director, by Ballot.

Article 17. Voted that the Town accept a gift made to it during the year 1944 by the Solomon Hyam's Fund, Inc., and that the Town Clerk be authorized and directed to extend to said Corporation the appreciation of the Town for this gift.

Voted that the Town accept the bequest of \$1,000.00 made to it under the will of the late William J. Burbeck, for the benefit of the J. V. Fletcher Library, to be used for the purposes set forth in said will, and that the Town Clerk be authorized and directed to extend to the Executor of said will the appreciation of the Town for the thoughtful consideration and generosity of the deceased in making this bequest for the use and benefit of his native Town.

Article 18. Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Assessors to use as Free Cash a sum of money, not over \$15,000.00, said amount to be approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth, and said sum to be applied in determining the tax rate for the current year 1945.

Article 19. Voted to dismiss Article 19, relative to the Westford Committee on Public Safety.

Article 20. Voted that the sum of money appropriated under Article 12 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held February 16, 1942, be transferred for the purpose of purchasing either a new or used Power Grader for the Highway Department, the same to be purchased under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, and that \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated in addition for said purpose, and that the Selectmen be authorized to transfer by a good and sufficient Bill of Sale, title to the old Holt Tractor and Plow and apply the sum received therefrom against the purchase of said Power Grader.

Article 21. Voted to dismiss Article 21, relative to the purchase of an automobile for the Board of Health.

Article 22. Voted to dismiss Article 22, relative to the sale of the automobile now used by the Board of Health.

Article 23. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$180.00 for the purpose of purchasing an Adding Machine for use in the office of the Town Treasurer, said purchase to be paid under the supervision of the Town Treasurer.

Article 24. Voted to dismiss Article 24, relative to the sale of the typewriter now used in the office of the Selectmen.

Article 25. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell at private sale, at such time or times and for such sum or sums as the Selectmen deem advisable for the best interests of the Town, the following personal property now in the Town Hall: One Gas Stove, One Ice Chest, One Soapstone Sink, Two Safes and One Platform Scales.

Article 26. Voted that the Town accept Coolidge Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen, as shown by their Report and Plan duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Article 27. Voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee composed of five members to study Post War Planning, with special reference to a Town Beach and the development of Town owned Land; said Committee to report its findings and conclusions at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 28. Voted that the sum of \$555.25 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying Outstanding Bills for Medical and Hospital Services rendered to Walter Sechovich as a result of injuries received by him as a voluntary Fireman in April 1944.

Article 29. Voted that the sum of \$225.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of taking the Bicennial Census of the State of Massachusetts.

Article 30. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to determine, from time to time, the hourly rate of pay to be paid employees of the Highway Department, including the granting of vacations with pay to such employees as shall have served on said Highway Department continuously for one year.

Article 31. Voted that the sum of \$25.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the Westford Rehabilitation Committee.

Article 32. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

Article 33. Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

A True Record, Attest:

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—DECEMBER 27, 1945

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At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Thursday, December 27, 1945 at 8:00 o'clock P. M., the following business was transacted:

Ben W. Drew, Town Moderator, called the Meeting to order.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

Article 1. Voted that the sum of \$625.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Health Department" for the purpose of purchasing an automobile for the Board of Health; said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Health. The Finance Committee made a verbal report of their approval.

Article 2. Voted that the Board of Health be authorized to sell and transfer, by a good and sufficient Bill of Sale, Title to the Ford automobile now used by the Board of Health and apply the sum received therefor against the purchase price of the new car voted under Article 1.

Article 3. Voted that the sum of \$12,000.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" for the purpose of purchasing an 8-ton Walter Snow Fighter together with dump body, front V-plow with right leveling wing, front one-way plow with full power hydraulic control and with power steering; said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 4. Voted that the sum of \$975.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" for the purpose of purchasing three new Snow Plows; said Plows to be either the V-Type or Straight Type; said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 5. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell and transfer, by good and sufficient Bill of Sale, for such sum or sums as the Selectmen deem advisable, a 1937 Chevrolet Truck together with dump body thereon; two Reversible Baker Plows; one Straight Plow and that said Selectmen be authorized, if they deem it advisable, to

apply such part or all of the sum received therefor against the purchase price of the equipment voted to be purchased under Article 3 or Article 4, or both.

Article 6. Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" to the Account entitled "Fire Department—General Expense".

Article 7. Voted that the sum of \$2,400.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" to the Account entitled "Snow and Ice Removal".

Article 8. Voted to accept the minutes of the Meeting.

Article 9. Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Westford, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1945 for the Police Department.

Report to the Department of Correction has been made.

Arrests made .....	34
Assault and Battery .....	3
Abandoned Autos .....	4
Ambulance Calls .....	49
Auto Violations .....	16
Auto Accidents .....	14
Auto Transfers .....	102
Auto Registrations .....	6
Auto Licenses revoked .....	11
Appeals Cases to Superior Court .....	4
Cases in Ayer Court .....	22
Collected for Beer Licenses .....	\$1,778.00
Complaints against Dogs .....	14
Complaints against Minors .....	56
Complaints investigated Cruelty to Animals .....	3
Complaints on dead animals left on top of ground.....	11
Complaints on Suspicious Persons .....	17
Camps and Houses broken into .....	18
Dogs Killed by Automobiles .....	8
Dogs Shot .....	7
Duty at Public Gatherings .....	14
Dances .....	12
Driving under the Influence of Liquor .....	5
Driving so to Endanger .....	6
Disturbance of the Peace .....	12
Drunkenness .....	18
Driving without License .....	2
Fruit Thieves .....	2
Family Disturbances .....	42
Fires Attended .....	10

Funerals Attended .....	12
Idle and Disorderly .....	7
Investigations made .....	442
In Lockup at Town Farm .....	27
Jurors .....	8
Breaking and entering in the night time.....	11
Men taken to Jail .....	9
Leaving scene after injury to property .....	2
Larceny Complaints .....	34
Notices posted .....	14
Public Nuisances in beer places.....	54
Pedestrians struck by automobiles .....	6
Petty Complaints .....	374
Summonses and notices served.....	34
Warrants served .....	8
Electric wires down on street .....	6
Lay watching in different places .....	10
Inspection of Camps when the roads are open.....	
Malicious injury to Property .....	2
Patients taken to Gardner State Hospital.....	2
Suicide cases .....	2
Receiving stolen goods .....	1
Chicken Thieves .....	2
Larceny from Camps, goods that were recovered, value at \$1100.00	

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, Court Officer, Officer Connell, and the other Special Officers of the Town of Westford, for their advice, cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SULLIVAN,

Chief of Police.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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Balance on hand January 1, 1945.....	\$115,351.15
Total receipts to December 31, 1945.....	275,389.96
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	\$390,741.11
Balance on hand December 31, 1945.....	\$117,745.33
Total payments to Dec. 31, 1945.....	272,995.78
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	\$390,741.11

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE P. GREIG,

Treasurer.

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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The Westford Cemetery Commissioners submit the following report for the year ending 1945.

We have endeavored to care for the Cemeteries as best we could under the existing labor shortage.

For the following year we have asked the sum of \$1200 for a much needed fence at Westlawn. Several years ago we were given an appropriation to cover this but due to war conditions were unable to obtain the material and the appropriation was turned back into the Treasury.

SEBASTIAN WATSON, Chairman

FRED R. BLODGETT

AXEL G. LUNDBERG

## REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford  
I submit the following report for 1945.

Number of Platform Scales over 10,000 lbs.....	3
Number of Platform Scales under 5,000 lbs.....	35
Number of Counter Scales under 100 lbs. ....	14
Number of Spring Scales over 100 lbs.....	12
Number of Spring Scales under 100 lbs.....	23
Number of Computing Scales under 100 lbs.....	9
Number of Weights sealed.....	105
Number of Gasoline Meters sealed.....	19
Number of Gasoline Pumps sealed.....	2
Number of Quantity Measures on Pumps.....	10
Number of Grease Pumps.....	3
Total .....	235

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

### YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1945

Value of Buildings, January 1, 1945.....	\$2,502,135.00
Value of Land, January 1, 1945.....	788,475.00
Value of Personal Property, January 1, 1945.....	410,200.00
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Total Valuation .....	\$3,700,810.00

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1945

Annual Town Meeting, February 19, 1945.....	\$ 203,506.94
Special Town Meeting, December 27, 1945.....	16,300.00
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Total Appropriation .....	219,806.94
State Taxes .....	\$ 5,451.20
County Taxes .....	7,512.92
1945 Overlay Fund .....	2,070.37
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Total Amount to be Raised.....	\$ 234,841.43
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds.....	99,344.27
Total Amount to be Raised on Polls and Property.....	135,497.16
Total Excise Tax Commitments.....	\$ 3,415.85
Tax Rate \$36.00 per Thousand.	

Number of Polls.....	1,134
Number of Horses.....	55
Number of Cows .....	300
Number of Neat Cattle.....	129
Number of Swine.....	537
Number of Sheep .....	45
Number of Fowl .....	31,982
Number of Acres of land .....	18,000
Number of Dwelling Houses.....	1,164

### ABATEMENTS

	Poll	Property	Excise
1943 .....	\$ —	21.96	—
1944 .....	8.00	326.55	14.71
1945 .....	734.00	778.14	27.84

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. HARRINGTON  
JOHN J. O'CONNELL  
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER

Assessors of Westford.

## JURY LIST—1946

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Address</i>
Athorn, George	Welder	9 Palermo St.
Beebe, Walter O.	Foreman	Broadway St.
Bell, Robert H.	Garage Man	Main St.
Bobryk, Peter	Millhand	Prescott St.
Boisvert, William J.	Millhand	Story St.
Brown, James H.	Wool Sorter	Prescott St.
Brule, Josephat	Mill Hand	Off Coolidge St.
Connell, Earl J.	Mill Hand	Prescott St.
Carpentier, Clifford G.	Coremaker	River St.
Carpentier, Frederick	Coremaker	Cross St.
Charlton, Henry F.	Clerk	River St.
Charlton, Lawrence J.	Machinist	Lowell Rd.
Courchaine, Clifford	Millhand	Pine St.
Couture, Alfred J.	Carpenter	North St.
Daly, Arthur F.	Wool Sorter	8 Pershing St.
Ellison, Jacob E.	Overseer	Fourth St.
Fletcher, Walter W.	Farmer	Plain Rd.
Healy, J. Austin, Jr.	Clerk	Broadway
Hobson, Albert F.	Millhand	6 Lincoln Ave.
Hunt, Edmund J.	Retired	Prescott St.
Kavanagh, William J.	Millhand	1 Palermo St.
Kelly, Thomas J.	Foreman	7 Pershing St.
Laferriere, Edmond N.	Millhand	Story St.
McMurray, John	Painter	28 Pleasant St.
Menard, Guy M.	Millhand	Canal St.
Milot, Antonio	Millhand	9 Bradford St.
Milot, Charles E.	Millhand	Pine St.
Mungovan, James W.	Second-hand	Third St.
Nesmith, Norman K.	Farmer	Concord Rd.
O'Connell, John J.	Policeman	Main St.
Oliphant, Vernon L.	Mechanic	42 Pleasant St.
Oliver, James J.	Machinist	North St.
Olsson, David	Tax Collector	Boston Road
Parmentier, Joseph	Insurance Agent	Main St. G
Peterson, Edgar S.	Truck Driver	Brookside Rd.
Polley, Amos B.	Farmer	Lowell Rd.
Prescott, William B.	Chemist	Boston Rd.
Rogers, Edmund D.	Truck Driver	Pleasant St.
Scott, Everett A.	Garageman	Abbot St.

Seavey, Marden H.	Laborer	Main St.
Stepinski, Edward J.	Quarryman	First St.
Stuart, Earl M.	Fireman	Broadway
Stuart, Edward F.	Machinist	Broadway
Supple, Leo F.	Apprentice	Pleasant St.
Sudak, Nicholas, Jr.	Millhand	Main St. G
Swanson, Varnum H.	Truck Driver	Brookside Rd.
Targ, Theodore J.	Millhand	Broadway
Tousignant, Adelard	Truck Driver	Broadway
Valcourt, Eugene J.	Millhand	21 Bradford St.
Whitcomb, Leroy H.	Laborer	Lowell Rd.
Woznac, Alexander M.	Machinist	Fourth St.

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY

CYRIL A. BLANEY

ARTHUR L. HEALY

Selectmen of Westford

January 28, 1946.

## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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To the Citizens of the Town of Westford:

I herewith present the annual report of the Town Accountant in accordance with the General Laws.

All are reminded that all books are open to the public for inspection at any time.

### RECEIPTS

#### General Revenue

##### Taxes:

##### Current year:

Poll .....	\$	1,540.00	
Personal .....		14,400.64	
Real Estate .....		109,094.50	\$125,035.14

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##### Previous years:

Poll .....	\$	20.00	
Personal .....		434.35	
Real Estate .....		9,722.61	\$ 10,176.96
Tax Title Redemption .....			1,086.01

##### From State :

Corporation Tax .....	\$	28,167.53	
Income Tax .....		18,303.00	\$ 46,470.53

##### Permits and Licenses:

Liquor .....	\$	1,994.00	
All other .....		52.00	
Permits .....		31.50	
Movie .....		34.00	
Gas .....		25.00	\$ 2,136.50

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Fines: Court .....		119.70
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##### Grants and Gifts:

##### From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance .....	\$	12,257.81	
Aid to Dependent Children.....		1,868.50	\$ 14,126.31

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Withholding Tax.....		10,088.43
From State:		
Roads—Chap. 569 .....	\$ 8,400.29	
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax.....	864.86	
Snow & Ice Removal .....	2,952.36	\$ 12,217.51
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Dog Licenses .....	\$ 612.80	
Dog Licenses County .....	403.58	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:		
Current year .....	\$ 2,412.46	
Previous years .....	122.84	\$ 2,535.30
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Departmental Revenue: .		
Collector .....	\$ 39.51	
Town Hall .....	124.27	
Cemeteries .....	40.00	
Fire Dept. ....	2.55	
Treasurer .....	6.00	
Sealer whts & msrs .....	47.65	
Health .....	261.43	\$ 521.41
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Highways:		
State .....	\$ 14,216.13	
County .....	2,699.74	\$ 16,915.87
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Machinery Fund .....		\$ 1,837.63
Welfare:		
Infirmary (see report) .....	\$ 7,267.22	
Temporary Aid—State .....	72.92	
Aid Dependent Children—State ....	1,884.27	
Old Age Assistance—State .....	12,369.84	
Infirmary—Towns .....	441.50	\$ 22,035.75
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Soldiers' Benefits:		
World War II .....		\$ 258.40
Schools:		
Tuition: State-Towns .....	\$ 420.14	
All other .....	21.73	\$ 441.87
Library:		
Fines .....		\$ 69.31
Lecture .....		3.20'

Cemeteries:

Lot Care .....	\$	450.00	
Opening graves .....		485.00	\$ 935.00

Interest:

Deferred taxes .....	\$	417.75	
Monument Fund .....		32.50	
Perpetual Care .....		690.00	
Sale Cemetery lots .....		.92	
Tax titles .....		113.36	\$ 1,254.53

Trust:

Perpetual care .....	\$	1,620.00	
Bonds from Bank .....		1,500.00	
Library—Burbeck .....		1,000.00	
Sale Cemetery lots .....		150.00	\$ 4,270.00

Refunds:

Departmental .....	\$	415.10	
All other .....		43.60	\$ 458.70

Withdrawals:

Whitney Playground—Interest .....	\$	100.00	
Library—Interest .....		257.49	
Cemetery—Interest .....		722.03	
Emily Fletcher Lecture Fund .....		300.00	\$ 1,379.52

			\$275,389.96
Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1945.....			\$115,351.15
			<u>\$390,741.11</u>

## EXPENDITURES

General Government:

Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$	670.00	
Stationery and adv. ....		44.60	\$ 714.60
License Expenses—adv. ....			\$ 49.17
Town Counsel .....			200.00
Finance—dues .....			10.00
Census .....			223.50
Adding Machine .....			140.00

Tax Title Expense .....	1,042.30
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Town Treasurer:

Salary .....	\$ 1,300.00	
Stationery .....	212.53	
Bond & Ins. ....	105.00	
All other .....	32.00	\$ 1,649.53

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Town Accountant:

Salary .....	\$ 1,099.96	
Stationery .....	16.87	
All other .....	53.00	\$ 1,169.83

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Tax Collector:

Commission .....	\$ 1,036.50	
Printing & Stationery .....	129.53	
Bond & Ins. ....	148.50	
All other .....	59.40	\$ 1,373.93

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Assessors:

Wages .....	\$ 798.40	
Clerk .....	330.00	
Legal Service .....	25.00	
Stationery—printing—postage ....	673.53	
All other .....	18.00	\$ 1,844.93

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Town Clerk:

Salary .....	\$ 250.00	
Recording Fees .....	134.00	
Printing & Stationery .....	38.70	
Bond .....	7.50	
All other .....	3.00	\$ 433.20

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Registration:

Registrars, Wages .....	\$ 444.50	
Election Officers .....	148.00	
Printing—stationery .....	99.50	
All other .....	56.50	\$ 748.50

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Town Hall:

Janitor .....	\$ 1,329.50	
Fuel .....	680.38	

Light .....	146.32	
Janitor's supplies .....	56.07	
Repairs .....	141.43	
Telephone .....	166.81	
All other .....	31.00	\$ 2,551.51

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Protection of Persons & Property:

Compensation Insurance .....	\$ 455.07	
Fire Insurance .....	1,654.56	\$ 2,109.63

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Police Dept.

Salaries .....	\$ 4,800.00	
Special officers .....	222.60	
Auto .....	468.75	
Auto upkeep .....	634.21	
Light .....	21.05	
Telephone .....	214.68	
Radio Service .....	65.00	
Rent .....	48.00	
All other .....	94.52	\$ 6,568.81

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Fire Dept.

Salaries .....	\$ 2,236.13	
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Apparatus:

Truck upkeep .....	\$ 642.48	
Gasoline .....	149.40	
Insurance .....	904.86	
Rep. Alarm .....	190.15	
Hose .....	38.90	

Other Expense:

Building reprs. ....	411.90	
Telephone .....	146.82	
Fuel and Light .....	571.16	
Water .....	20.00	
All other .....	88.28	\$ 5,400.08

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Repair Heating System .....	\$ 498.33	
New Fire Hose .....	2,498.30	
Hydrants .....	3,290.00	
Permanent Man .....	500.00	
Sealer of Weights & mrs. ....	125.00	
Game Warden .....	75.00	

Forestry:

Moth Dept. ....	807.42
Tree Warden .....	382.12
Forest Fires .....	999.19
Health Dept.: (see health report).....	2,689.19
Cattle Inspector .....	150.00
Street Lights .....	\$ 6,930.00

Highway Dept.:

Snow & Ice Removal:

Salaries .....	\$ 4,616.03
Trucks .....	4,108.21
Repairs .....	1,444.52
Calcium Chloride .....	331.95
Sand .....	178.42
Gas and Oil .....	226.84

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\$10,905.97

Town Roads:

Salary .....	\$ 160.90
Town Trucks .....	6.00
Stone .....	18.04

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\$ 184.94

Chapter 81:

Salaries .....	\$ 5,859.51
Town Equipment .....	1,391.63
Hired Equipment .....	948.00
Gravel & Sand .....	8,812.60
Repairs .....	19.21
Asphalt .....	3,650.89
Pipe .....	63.98

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\$20,745.82

Chapter 90:

Salaries .....	\$ 986.60
Town Equipment .....	426.00
Hired Equipment .....	337.50
Gravel—stone .....	2,915.08
Asphalt .....	3,434.05

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\$ 8,099.23

Machinery Account:

Repairs & Upkeep .....	\$ 2,045.69
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Supplies .....	41.34
Gasoline .....	519.98
All other .....	295.40
Fleet Insurance .....	169.36
Fuel .....	117.69

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\$ 3,189.46 \$ 43,125.42

Welfare Dept.:

Salaries .....	\$ 1,506.30
Stationery & postage .....	51.56
Other expense .....	248.89
Cash grants .....	1,013.00
Board and care .....	339.40
Phone .....	48.81
Aid to Dep. Children .....	5,404.95
Old Age Assistance .....	26,998.58
Div. Child Guardianship .....	855.00
Infirmary (see report) .....	9,113.43

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\$ 45,579.92

Soldiers' Benefits:

Administration .....	\$ 337.00
Printing—postage .....	89.51
Military Aid .....	30.00
World War II .....	338.27
Medical .....	18.00 \$ 812.78

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Schools: (see reports) ..... \$ 84,008.25

Vocational Tuition ..... 992.00

Retirement Fund ..... 67.25

Public Library:

Salaries .....	\$ 1,386.16
Books & periodicals .....	1,087.11
Fuel .....	199.66
Light .....	144.85
Transp. of books .....	31.02
Telephone .....	24.39
Other expense .....	57.81
Binding .....	86.88
Water .....	16.00 \$ 3,033.88

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Fletcher Lecture Fund ..... \$ 300.00

Town Common ..... 300.00

Whitney Playground ..... 417.78

Band Concerts .....	400.00
Publishing Town reports .....	631.98
Memorial Day .....	263.38
Home Economics .....	10.00
Damaged Claims .....	170.00
Public Safety .....	34.73

Rationing:

Salaries .....	\$	385.52	
Rent .....		105.00	
Phone .....		215.27	
Printing & Supplies .....		23.60	
Misc. ....		16.25	\$ 745.64

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Cemeteries:

Administration .....	\$	100.00	
Labor .....		2,639.86	
Insecticide .....		170.00	
Equipment .....		32.23	
Supplies etc. ....		72.69	\$ 3,014.78

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Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Reimbursements .....	\$	15,000.00
Outstanding bills .....		1,634.69

Refunds:

Taxes .....	\$	40.08	
E. & D. ....		15.00	\$ 55.08
Withholding Tax .....			9,762.05
Sale Cemetery lots .....			75.00

Bonds:

Metcalf Monument .....	\$	32.50	
Wilkins .....		35.00	
Cemetery .....		3,775.00	\$ 3,842.50
State Taxes .....	\$		5,410.26
County Taxes .....			6,100.32
T. B. Hospital .....			1,429.62
Dog Licenses .....			604.40

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\$272,995.78

# TOWN OF WESTFORD

## BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1945

### GENERAL ACCOUNT

#### ASSETS

Cash:	
In banks and office .....	\$117,745.33
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1945:	
Poll .....	\$ 12.00
Personal .....	348.56
Real Estate .....	8,695.16
Levy of 1944:	
Real Estate .....	\$ 1,658.59
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes ..	\$ 973.55
Tax Title Possessions.....	\$ 1,432.44
Tax Titles account .....	922.88

#### LIABILITIES

Federal Tax Deductions.....	\$ 1,419.55
Trust Fund Income:	
Metcalf Monument .....	\$ 5.21
Whitney Playground .....	29.82
Whitney Shade Tree .....	9.77
Cemetery .....	106.07
Burbeck Library .....	1,000.00
Dog Taxes .....	\$ 8.40
Federal Grants:	
Aid Dep. Children .....	\$ 163.55
Old Age Assistance .....	1,063.30
Compensation Insurance .....	\$ 879.55

Departmental:

Temporary Aid .....	\$ 1,212.05
Aid Dep. Children .....	16.69
Old Age Assist. ....	89.11
Military Aid .....	60.00
War Allowance .....	54.00
Cemetery .....	237.00
Infirmary .....	747.97
Health .....	3.57
State—Highways .....	512.14
County Tax .....	\$ 17.02
	\$ 2,932.53

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Board Health Car .....	\$ 625.00
Snow Fighter .....	12,000.00
Snow Plows .....	975.00
Power Grader .....	6,750.00
Highway Equipment .....	911.81
Machinery Fund .....	1,837.63
Tailings .....	\$ 23,099.44
	58.20
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	\$ 2,212.30
Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes	
Levy of 1943 .....	\$ 489.71
Levy of 1944 .....	2,476.59
Levy of 1945 .....	623.41
	\$ 3,589.71

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.....	\$ 973.55
Tax Title .....	2,109.62
Departmental .....	2,420.39
State—Highways .....	512.14
	\$ 6,015.70
Surplus Revenue .....	\$ 95,077.49
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	\$134,738.06

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\$134,738.06

# TRUST ACCOUNTS

## Trust Funds, Cash & Securities:

Principal .....	\$ 58,539.19
Income .....	9,709.36

Whitney Shade Tree Fund.....	\$ 2,500.00
Library Trust Funds .....	12,706.08
Fred Burbeck Library.....	1,000.00
Fletcher Lecture Fund.....	2,000.00
Metcalf Monument .....	1,300.00
Wilkins Cemetery Funds .....	1,413.11
Whitney Playground Fund .....	10,000.00
Cemetery Perp. Care Fund .....	27,620.00
	\$ 58,539.19
Whitney Shade Tree Inc. ....	\$ 644.65
Library Trust Fund Inc. ....	611.94
Fletcher Lecture Fund Inc. ....	775.80
Metcalf Monument Fund Inc. ....	514.26
Wilkins Fund Inc. ....	137.85
Whitney Playground Fund Inc.	524.42
Cemetery Perp. Care Fund Inc.	6,500.44
	\$ 9,709.36

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\$68,248.55

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\$68,248.55

# REPORT OF STATE AUDITOR TOWN OF WESTFORD

BALANCE SHEET — MAY 17, 1945

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

### ASSETS

Cash:		
In Banks and Office .....	\$ 72,052.03	
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1943:		
Real Estate .....	\$ 1,193.76	
Levy of 1944:		
Poll .....	8.00	
Personal .....	133.36	
Real Estate .....	5,993.24	
Levy of 1945:		
Poll .....	\$ 2,126.00	\$ 9,454.36
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1944 .....	\$ 22.39	
Levy of 1945 .....	1,492.24	\$ 1,514.63

### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Withholding Taxes .....	\$ 907.54
Due County:	
Dog Licenses .....	\$ 272.40
Trust Fund Income:	
Whitney Shade Tree Fund.....	\$ 9.77
Metcalf Monument Fund .....	5.21
Sale of Lots and Graves Fund....	70.15
Road Machinery Fund .....	324.00
Tailings .....	58.20
Unexpended Federal Grants:	
Aid to Dep. Children .....	\$ 316.40
Old Age Assistance .....	3,974.60
	4,291.00

Tax Titles .....		1,974.38			\$147,746.06
Departmental					2,212.30
Temporary Aid .....	\$ 1,212.05				
Aid to Dep. Children .....	16.69				
Military Aid .....	60.00				
War Allowances .....	248.40				
Old Age Assistance .....	1,872.48				
Cemetery .....	297.00	3,706.62			
State Aid to Highways .....		\$ 12,825.00			
County Aid to Highways .....		2,700.00			
Revenue 1945 .....	\$202,668.56				
Less—Estimated Rec. collected....	43,229.51	\$159,439.05			
					\$263,666.07

# TRUST ACCOUNTS

## Trust Funds, Cash & Securities:

Principal .....	\$ 56,919.19
Income .....	10,060.71

Whitney Shade Tree Fund.....	\$ 2,500.00
Library Trust Funds .....	12,706.08
Emily Fletcher Library Lecture Fund .....	2,000.00
Whitney Playground Fund .....	10,000.00
Metcalf Monument Fund.....	1,300.00
Lyman E. Wilkins Cemetery Fund	1,413.11
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund....	27,000.00 \$ 56,919.19
Whitney Shade Tree Fund Income \$	621.26
Library Trust Fund Income .....	621.31
Emily Fletcher Library Lecture Fund Income .....	1,052.91
Whitney Playground Fund Inc...	545.34
Metcalf Monument Fund Income	478.10
Lyman E. Wilkins Cemetery Fund Income .....	119.30
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Income .....	6,622.49 \$ 10,060.71

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\$66,979.90

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\$66,979.90

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## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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To the citizens of Westford:

The Board organized at the beginning of the year with Arthur M. Whitley, Chairman; Arthur L. Healy, Secretary, and Cyril A. Blaney, M.D., as the third member.

The Annual Audit was made by the Director of Accounts and a copy is printed herein.

The reports of the various departments and committees under our Supervision and jurisdiction are printed in this report.

A Photo Record Printer has been donated to the American Legion and they have granted Soldiers' Relief Department the use of it for making copies of discharges for the veterans or for any other work that may come up under the department.

In addition to the regular meetings special sessions were found necessary in order to discuss road construction, celebrations of V-E and V-J day, appropriations, articles for Town Warrant and other urgent business.

Signed:

Board of Selectmen

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY, Chairman.

ARTHUR L. HEALY

CYRIL A. BLANEY

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1945:

The various companies responded to 56 alarms other than forest fires; namely, 1 church, 9 chimney, 8 house, 3 barn, 1 ticket office, 1 depot, 2 pig pen, 1 box car, 1 paint vat, 1 oil burner, 1 flagpole, 1 truck, 4 automobile, 4 camp, 1 chicken coop, 1 blacksmith shop, 1 garage, 3 dump, 1 rubbish pile, 2 out of town, 4 false alarms, 3 blood donors. 39 alarms for forest and grass fires were answered making a total of 95 calls.

2500 ft. of new hose was purchased this year which is enough to allow for a change of load on each truck at regular intervals.

The cottage for the permanent man was redecorated inside when the new man came in and in the coming year it should be painted two coats on the outside.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND D. ROGERS

HAROLD E. WRIGHT

RICHARD W. HALL

## REPORT OF FISH AND GAME WARDEN

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I hereby submit my report as Fish and Game Warden for the Town of Westford.

The following were liberated during the year nineteen hundred and forty-five.

April 13—Long Sought For—Brook Trout—500 5"-9"

April 17—Nashoba—Brook Trout—600 6"-8"

Snake Meadow—Brook Trout—300 6"-8"

Long Sought For—Brook Trout—500 9"-11"

Anyone wishing information or help may reach me by calling my home.

I wish to thank all for their kind cooperation.

Respectfully submitmted

EDMUND L. PROVOST,  
Game Warden.

## REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

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There were no serious fires this year.

Permits must be obtained for fires in the open unless there is snow on the ground.

The usual appropriation of \$1,000.00 is asked for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO R. LARKIN,

Forest Warden.

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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I herewith submit my report as Tax Collector for the Town of Westford for the year ending December 31, 1945.

Any questions in regard to the assessments of taxes should be presented to the Board of Assessors.

	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1945
1943 Warrant Dated July 24, 1943 Real Estate	3,027.95	None
1943 Warrant Dated July 24, 1943 Personal		
Property .....	36.72	None
1944 Warrant Dated May 8, 1944 Poll.....	22.00	None
1944 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1944 Poll.....	2.00	None
1944 Warrant Dated May 5, 1944 Excise.....	2.00	None
1944 Warrant Dated Oct. 24, 1944 Excise.....	138.24	None
1944 Warrant Dated July 20, 1944 Personal		
Property .....	408.13	None
1944 Warrant Dated July 20, 1944 Real Estate....	8,743.86	1,658.39
1944 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1944 Real Estate....	92.75	None
1945 Warrant Dated July 26, 1945 Real Estate	118,461.96	8,594.36
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945.....	115.20	110.80
1945 Warrant Dated July 26, 1945 Personal		
Property .....	14,767.20	254.42
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Personal		
Property .....	122.76	102.96
1945 Warrant Dated May 2, 1945 Poll.....	2,270.00	None
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Poll.....	16.00	12.00
1945 Warrant Dated May 2, 1945 Excise.....	1,755.19	None
1945 Warrant Dated Oct. 23, 1945 Excise.....	136.93	22.00
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Excise.....	1,430.81	917.55
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Excise.....	83.36	32.00
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Excise.....	9.56	4.00
 Total Warrants .....	 151,642.62	
 Total Outstanding Dec. 31, 1945.....		 11,698.48

DAVID I. OLSSON,

Tax Collector.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Westford Board of Health submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1945:

The Board of Health organized in March with Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., Chairman, Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Secretary, and Ralph E. Cole, M. D. as the third member.

Due to the shortage of dentists we have been unable to secure the services of a dentist to do the school clinic work this past year but we hope to have one in the spring.

The usual vaccination and diphtheria toxoid clinics were conducted in the fall.

In October a Community Chest X-ray Program was conducted by the Middlesex Health Association and the Westford Tuberculosis Committee in cooperation with the Board of Health. This Program was paid for by the Westford Tuberculosis Committee with funds obtained through the sale of Christmas Seals. Of the 218 people X-rayed 16 were referred to their own physicians for observation.

With the exception of Chicken Pox, we have had less contagious diseases reported this year than in 1944.

The milk situation has been carefully supervised by the Board and its agents.

Inspections of liquor establishments have been made and, as in past years, conditions were found to be good.

We have had two patients in the Middlesex County Sanatorium this past year; one was discharged in March, and the other patient, who was admitted in August, is still there.

At a special Town Meeting in December, it was voted to transfer \$625 from the 1945 Health Department funds for the purpose of purchasing a new car for this department. An order has been placed with the Lowell Motor Sales and we expect to receive this car within the next few weeks. After subtracting this \$625 from our unexpended balance, we have \$185.81 to return to the Town.

The Board of Health has functioned well during the year receiving the fullest cooperation of all its members. Regular meetings have been held on the second Monday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRIL A. BLANEY, M.D., Chairman  
DWIGHT W. COWLES, M.D., Secretary  
RALPH E. COLE, M.D.

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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January 18, 1946

Dr. Cyril A. Blaney  
Chairman, Board of Health  
Westford, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Following is the report of the Public Health Nurse from January 1, to December 31, 1945:

Absentees from school visited in their homes.....	127
Children taken home from school because of illness.....	28
Children taken to school physician.....	42
Contagious disease cases visited .....	63
Nursing visits .....	188
Home visits .....	681
To Lowell General Hospital for treatment.....	6
To Lowell General Pediatric Clinic .....	12
To Child Guidance Clinic at Lowell General.....	5
To St. John's Hospital for treatment.....	2
To St. John's Medical Clinic .....	4
To Crippled Children's Clinic at St. John's Hospital.....	12
To Speech Clinic at St. John's Hospital.....	6
To St. John's Eye Clinic.....	42
To Physician's Optical Co.....	9
To Hospitals for Tonsil and Adenoid Operations.....	7
To Infantile Paralysis Clinic at Children's Hospital.....	4
To Chest Clinic at North Central Health Office in Ayer.....	3
To Lowell Board of Health for chest X-ray.....	1
To Middlesex County Sanatorium for X-ray's and Examination	33
To Middlesex County Sanatorium for Admission.....	1
To Dr. John Lambert's office for treatment .....	1
To chiropodist for treatment.....	2
Public Health Meetings Attended.....	11
Board of Health Permits Issued.....	
Milk Specimens Collected and taken to Laboratory.....	
Diphtheria Toxoid Clinics conducted by the Board of Health:	
Number of inoculations three injections each.....	17
Vaccinations .....	11
Assisted at Well-Child Conferences.....	
Assisted at Community X-raying Program—Number X-rayed.....	218

Contagious Diseases Reported to the Westford Board of Health:

Chicken Pox .....	47
Dog Bite .....	13
German Measles .....	3
Measles .....	3
Mumps .....	6
Scarlet Fever .....	1
Whooping Cough .....	9
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	2
Gonorrhea .....	2

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HEALY, R.N.

EXPENDITURES HEALTH DEPARTMENT—1945

Administration

Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 65.00
All other .....	11.55

Contagious Diseases

Board and Treatment .....	12.29
Medicine and Medical attendance .....	3.44
Tuberculosis, Board and Treatment.....	300.00
Nurse, Salary .....	1470.00
Auto, Upkeep .....	273.57
Insurance .....	25.64
Used car stamp .....	5.00
Dump, Labor .....	234.70
Milk, Inspections and Samples.....	63.00
Camp and Liquor Inspections .....	54.00
Vaccination and Diptheria Toxoid Clinics.....	100.00
Rabies Serum and Medical Care of Dog Bites.....	44.00
Board of Dog in Quarantine.....	14.00
All Other .....	13.00
Cattle Inspector .....	150.00

\$2,689.19

Balance ..... \$ 810.81

RECEIPTS HEALTH DEPARTMENT—1945

Milk Dealer's Permits .....	\$ 10.50
Oleomargarine Permits .....	4.00
Pasteurization Permits .....	10.00
Permit to Manufacture Ice Cream.....	5.00
Camp Licenses .....	2.00

\$31.50

## WESTFORD INFIRMARY APPRAISAL

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1	Fifteen Cords Manure .....	\$120.00
2	One Manure Spreader .....	100.00
3	Two Horse Hay Rakes .....	45.00
4	One Sulky Plow .....	45.00
5	One Two-Horse Disc Harrow .....	35.00
6	One Potato Digger .....	65.00
7	Four Wagons and Two Sleds .....	75.00
8	One Tip Cart .....	25.00
9	Lumber .....	180.00
10	One Drag (steel head) .....	8.00
11	One Lime Spreader .....	20.00
12	One Power Sprayer .....	60.00
13	One Two-Horse Corn Planter.....	50.00
14	One Two-Horse Cultivator.....	27.00
15	One Hay Tedder .....	25.00
16	One Tractor Harrow .....	55.00
17	One Spring Tooth Harrow.....	10.00
18	One Smoothing Harrow .....	3.00
19	One Seedsower and Weeder.....	35.00
20	Two One-Horse Cultivators .....	6.00
21	Two Walking Plows .....	15.00
22	One Two-Horse Hoe .....	10.00
23	One Ford Tractor .....	600.00
24	One Tractor Plow .....	100.00
25	One Tractor Pulley .....	30.00
26	One Tractor Cultivator .....	135.00
27	One Root Cutter .....	5.00
28	Blacksmith Tools .....	20.00
29	One Feed Cooker .....	5.00
30	One Galvanized Tank .....	5.00
31	One Saw Frame and Two Saws .....	25.00
32	Grindstone and Moving Machine Grinder .....	15.00
33	One Gas Tank and Gasolene .....	28.00
34	One Two-Horse Mowing Machine .....	40.00
35	Four Swine .....	150.00
36	Wood .....	250.00
37	150 Poultry .....	300.00
38	Milk Room and Milking Equipment .....	650.00
39	Thirteen Cows .....	2200.00
40	One Bull .....	75.00

41	One Calf .....	35.00
42	One Heifer .....	75.00
43	One Bull calf .....	40.00
44	Forty Tons Ensilage .....	400.00
45	Grain .....	100.00
46	Twenty-four Grain Bags .....	6.00
47	One Corn Harvester .....	100.00
48	One Ensilage Cutter.....	125.00
49	One One-Horse Corn Planter .....	15.00
50	One Motor Truck .....	300.00
51	Harness and Blankets .....	70.00
52	Two Horses .....	300.00
53	One Horse Hay Fork.....	25.00
54	Twenty-two Tons Hay .....	660.00
55	Chains, Eveners and Whiffletrees .....	35.00
56	Farm Tools .....	100.00
57	Block and Tackle .....	7.50
58	Snow Plow .....	5.00
59	One Extension and Three Stepladders .....	15.00
60	One Planet Junior Seeder .....	10.00
61	Three Chicken Crates .....	2.00
62	One Gas Stove .....	3.00
63	Two Cross Cut Saws .....	7.50
64	Carpenter's Tools .....	35.00
65	Garden Hose and Lawn Mower .....	12.00
66	Fire Hose and Nozzle .....	56.00
67	Work Shop Material.....	10.00
68	One Electric Drill .....	30.00
69	Brooder Equipment .....	15.00
70	Soft Coal .....	169.71
71	Milk Separator .....	65.00
72	Platform Scales .....	15.00
73	100 Gals. Fuel Oil .....	10.50
74	15 Gals. Motor Oil .....	10.50

#### HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT

Superintendent's Furniture .....	350.00
Kitchen and Pantry .....	675.00
Inmates' Furniture .....	375.00
Contents of Attic .....	60.00
Canned Goods and Empty Jars .....	250.00
Provisions .....	200.00

Potatoes .....	140.00
Blankets, Sheets and Towels .....	130.00
Dry Goods .....	85.00
STOCK AND FARM EQUIPMENT .....	\$8511.71
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT .....	2265.00

ROBERT J. SPINNER  
 FRED R. BLODGETT  
 ANTHONY R. BOHENKO

#### INFIRMARY CREDITS

Milk .....	\$4,873.62	
Eggs .....	458.44	
Calves .....	61.00	
Hogs .....	84.00	
Pigs .....	30.00	
Fowl .....	83.00	
Tomatoes .....	4.59	
Potatoes .....	69.20	
Beans .....	5.41	
Heifer .....	110.00	
Corn .....	21.05	
Asparagras .....	48.15	
Cash for Cow Trade.....	30.00	
Bull Service .....	4.00	
Silage .....	95.13	
Teaming .....	395.85	
Hay .....	70.00	
Hay Rake .....	25.00	
Newspaper Refund .....	1.50	
Milk Refund .....	.34	
Bags .....	38.97	
Board—Other Towns .....	1,189.47	
		\$7,708.72
Wood .....	\$ 18.00	
Board and Care 7 Inmates.....	2,912.00	
67 Meals to men in lockup .....	33.50	
Clothing, tobacco, medical .....	338.49	
		\$3,301.99
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		\$11,010.71

# INFIRMARY DEBITS

Superintendent's Salary .....	\$1,416.00
Employee's Wages .....	749.95
Provisions .....	1,403.10
Clothing and Dry Goods .....	199.05
Medical .....	72.50
Hospital .....	92.00
Tobacco .....	66.94
Household Supplies .....	54.99
Farm Supplies .....	207.65
Gas and Electricity .....	193.49
Fuel .....	66.94
Coal .....	200.74
Telephone .....	60.20
Newspaper .....	3.40
Garbage .....	6.00
Grain and Feed .....	3,210.75
Seeds .....	69.71
Fertilizer .....	64.54
Food Locker .....	31.00
Meat Storage, smoking and curing.....	17.38
Slaughtering .....	7.50
Pasturing .....	39.00
Plucking and Dressing Fowl .....	11.50
Caponizing .....	6.00
Blacksmith .....	39.12
Veterinary .....	20.50
Milking Machine Equipment .....	160.00
Sawing and Planing .....	25.59
Sawdust .....	13.45
Water Heater .....	49.50
Boiler Repairs .....	58.00
Repairs .....	82.50
Gasoline and Oil .....	171.16
Truck Insurance and Stamp.....	36.31
Trucking .....	14.00
Balance Due on Horse .....	75.00
Westford Water Co. ....	99.23
Appraisors .....	15.00
Miscellaneous .....	3.74

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\$9,113.43

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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The Board organized for the year 1945 with Reginald Blowey, Chairman, William L. Wall, Secretary, and Samuel A. Richards re-elected as third member.

The number of cases on Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance have taken a slight drop from the previous year and Temporary Aid remained the same. A new law was enacted this year, amending the act which required children's support for dependent parents on Old Age Assistance. This law now provides for a higher exemption for children before they have a legal liability to support.

There were eleven inmates at the Infirmary during the year, four of these out of town boarders. No new improvements were necessary, and the recent appraisal showed the farm to be exceptionally well managed.

Respectfully,

REGINALD BLOWEY

WILLIAM L. WALL

SAMUEL A. RICHARDS

Board of Public Welfare

## 1945 TOWN REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

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During 1945, the same as previous war years, the work of the Middlesex County Extension Service was devoted to those projects which would help in the winning of the war.

The fact that Middlesex County farmers increased their production about one third over pre-war years is proof that everyone did his part in the food production program. Labor on farms was the critical factor in food production and a great deal of the time spent on finding labor and making it available. In addition to local help foreign labor was imported from Jamaica and Newfoundland and prisoners of war were used on market gardening and fruit farms.

Selective Service Boards cooperated fully in the whole program by trying to allow men to remain on farms who were absolutely essential. The Extension Service checked these farms and made reports to the local Selective Service Boards.

The usual assistance was given, such as assistance to Victory gardeners, sending out information on spray schedules for fruit growers and market gardeners and keeping farmers informed as to the regulations on farm equipment, price schedules, especially for eggs and poultry, fruits and vegetables, and help with any emergency cases upon personal request.

With the homemakers of the county, food preservation and conservation in the home were the main projects. Information was given regarding successful methods of canning and freezing of fruits and vegetables as well as meats. Due to the severe shortage of clothing materials demonstrations were continued on clothing renovation, shortcuts in clothing construction and the maintenance of sewing machines. To help with general nutrition demonstrations were given in the best use of vegetables, cooking with a minimum amount of sugar and preparation of community meals.

Boys and girls were encouraged as usual to carry on 4-H Club work and developed such projects as food production, food preservation, clothing construction and meal preparation. This work was made possible only by volunteer local leaders and the active interest of local committee members and parents.

Members of the Westford Agricultural Club led by Mrs. Willard Moore, who received \$5.00 prizes from the Society for the Promotion of Agriculture were Lawrence and Murray Alcorn and George Fletcher in dairy projects: Lawrence Shea in Pig project and Edwin Nixon in poultry project. Edwin Nixon became a member of the North Middlesex Agricultural Society and received a \$3.00 garden prize.

Mrs. Mary VanNorden and Mrs. Dorothy Mann of Nabnasset led a clothing project. Miss Esther Van Norden did a canning project and received first prizes at Boston Horticultural Hall, County Exhibit and Littleton Grange Exhibit.

The Middlesex County Extension Service shares with other organizations, farmers, homemakers, young people, as well as those organizations interested in agriculture, the satisfaction of knowing that during war years for the most part agricultural products of the area were available in sufficient amounts so that there was actually no food shortage in any town within the county.

(Signed):

MRS. MABEL NIXON,

Town Director.

## REPORT OF THE WESTFORD COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

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We respectfully submit herewith our last and final report.

With the war in its final stages the activities of our Committee were naturally lessened.

The Salvage Committee under the direction of Mr. Morris A. Hall, Chairman, continued its excellent work with four collections of paper and one of tin.

From the first to the last of our activities as a Committee the citizens have responded and assisted splendidly in the work and activities required of us by the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety and we wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for this cooperation.

There was rejoicing throughout the town when Germany surrendered on May 7, 1945 but when it was announced at about 7 o'clock P.M. on August 14, 1945 that Japan had surrendered enthusiasm and rejoicing ran high throughout the Town. Almost immediately Citizens from all parts of the Town assembled at Forge Village and led by the Abbot Worsted Company Band and the American Legion, other local organizations and the Townspeople paraded through the streets of Forge Village, Graniteville, Brookside and Westford Center, singing and cheering, happy that the war was over. Bells were rung and whistles were blown. On the following morning appropriate services were held in the several Churches in the Town. During the forenoon of August 16th another parade was formed and marched through the villages expressing joy over the ending of the war. On Saturday night August 18th a Victory Dance was held in Forge Village.

For many families there was a sadness, but everyone shared in the thankfulness that the worst war in all history was ended and in the hope that it was also the last war.

Westford Committee on Public Safety.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR, Chairman.

## REPORT OF WHITNEY PLAY GROUND COMMITTEE

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Responsibility for the care and maintenance of the Whitney Play-ground, as vested in this committee, we trust has been properly fulfilled.

As in previous years the Committee has employed the services of Mr. John S. Peterson to care for the lawns and shrubbery, the tennis court and baseball grounds. His work has been efficient and has greatly contributed to making this the beauty spot of the town.

The financial record of the Committee is shown in the Town Accountants' report. As supervisors of the Whitney Shade Tree fund we have to report again this year the necessity for more pruning and spraying of the trees on Depot Street, for their better preservation and in the interest of public safety. This work is entirely within the province of the Tree Warden. Now that the war is over and labor likely to be more plentiful we hope he will be able to give the matter his attention.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN FISHER

MORRIS A. HALL

CHARLES L. HILDRETH

# REPORT OF THE WESTFORD WATER COMPANY

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1945.....	\$191,074.40
Additions during year 1945.....	1,028.99
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	\$192,103.39
Less Credits during year 1945.....	573.00
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	\$191,530.39

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM JANUARY 1, 1945 TO DECEMBER 31, 1945

### RECEIPTS

Hydrants .....	\$ 3,290.00	
Public Buildings, Playgrounds, etc. ....	453.12	
Subscribers .....	15,310.98	
Interest, etc. ....	418.07	
Service .....	50.16	
Sundry Sales .....	32.50	
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		\$19,554.83

### EXPENSES

Wages and Salaries .....	\$ 5,721.70	
Expense Account and Supplies.....	1,900.55	
Electric Power and Light.....	1,947.38	
Service .....	416.69	
Taxes .....	4,184.85	
Depreciation .....	3,405.30	
Interest .....	126.73	
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		\$17,703.20

Net Gain for the year ending Dec. 31, 1945                      \$ 1,851.63

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,  
Treasurer.

Westford, Mass., January 22, 1946

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex, ss.

Then personally appeared William R. Taylor and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Company to December 31, 1945 and of the Receipts and Expenditures from January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945.

WINTHROP W. SARGENT,

Notary Public.

## FINAL REPORT OF THE WESTFORD RATIONING BOARD

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Following the announcement that the war with Japan had ended, August 14, 1945, word was received by the members of the Rationing Board that the rationing of gasoline, fuel oil, and stoves would be discontinued on the following day, (as of noon, August 15, 1945). This left only tires and sugar to be rationed and these commodities were transferred to the Lowell Rationing Board. Price control had previously been transferred to this point.

The following dates may be of interest:

Rationing of gasoline was started as of May 15, 1942 and discontinued August 15, 1945.

Rationing of fuel oil was started as of October 22, 1942 and discontinued August 15, 1945.

Rationing of stoves was started as of December 19, 1942 and discontinued August 15, 1945.

Rationing of shoes was started as of February 7, 1943 and discontinued October 31, 1945.

Rationing of processed food was started as of March 1, 1943 and discontinued August 15, 1945.

Rationing of meats and fats was started as of March 20, 1943 and discontinued November 24, 1945.

Rationing of rubber footwear was started as of September 29, 1942 and discontinued September 4, 1945.

Rationing of coffee was started as of November 21, 1942 and discontinued July 29, 1943.

Rationing of bicycles was started as of July 9, 1942 and discontinued September 23, 1944.

Rationing of typewriters was started as of April 13, 1942 and discontinued April 22, 1944.

Rationing of tires was started as of December 27, 1941 and discontinued January 1, 1946.

Rationing of sugar was started as of April 20, 1942 and has not as yet been discontinued.

The members and clerks of the former rationing board take this opportunity to thank the citizens of the town for their cooperation at all times.

EDWARD T. HANLEY  
JOHN FISHER  
WILLIAM E. WRIGHT  
EDMUND PROVOST  
HENRY J. STEPENSKI  
JOHN J. BARRETTO  
VICTOR B. DALY  
FRED O. BAKER  
JAMES L. KNOWLTON  
OLIVER A. REEVES  
MOSES L. FECTEAU

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

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Board of Selectmen,  
Westford, Mass.  
Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the year ending December 31, 1945:  
Chapter 81 and General Highway Maintenance:

The usual highway maintenance was carried out this year, which included the use of gravel, tar, pea stone, gravel and patch on our various streets and those that come under our Chapter 81 contract.

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

The usual maintenance of Chapter 90 Highways was carried out again this year under the provisions of the contract.

In resurfacing Boston Road, Main Street, Graniteville Road, Groton Road and Prescott Street, an application of tar and pea stone were used. I previously used this treatment on our Chapter 81 roads and streets and found it very satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. AUSTIN HEALY,  
Superintendent of Highways.

# REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

The Finance Committee has held the customary meetings and given all the articles in the Warrant careful consideration and recommend the appropriation of the various sums as tabulated below:

General Government — 6.28% of total

Article	Appropriation	Voted and Transfrd. 1945	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1946	Recommended for 1946
3-1	General	* \$	\$	\$	\$
	Selectmen .....	750.00	714.60	900.00	825.00
	License Expense .....	75.00	49.17	75.00	75.00
	Accountant .....	1,175.00	1,169.83	1,175.00	1,175.00
	Treasurer .....	1,650.00	1,649.53	1,850.00	1,850.00
	Assessors .....	2,000.00	1,844.93	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Tax Collector .....	1,750.00	1,373.93	1,750.00	1,750.00
	Tax Title Expense .....	1,000.00	978.05	700.00	700.00
	Town Counsel .....	200.00	200.00	300.00	300.00
	Town Clerk .....	500.00	433.50	750.00	675.00
	Election and Registration .....	750.00	748.50	1,475.00	1,400.00
3-2	Town Hall .....	2,512.51	2,512.51	3,200.00	3,200.00
21	New Typewriter .....	.....	.....	144.00	144.00

Article Appropriation		Voted and Transfrd. 1945	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1946	Recommended for 1946
Protection of Persons and Property — 10.67% of total					
Police					
3- 3	General Expenses .....	6,575.00	6,568.81	6,775.00	6,775.00
19	New Car .....	.....	.....	575.00	575.00
Fire					
3- 4	Permanent Man .....	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
	General Expense .....	5,400.00	5,374.73	5,500.00	5,500.00
3- 8	Forest Fires .....	1,000.00	997.19	1,000.00	1,000.00
3-24	Fire Insurance .....	1,700.00	1,654.56	1,700.00	1,700.00
3- 5	Hydrants .....	3,350.00	3,290.00	3,350.00	3,350.00
24	Oil Burner in Westford Fire House .....	.....	.....	375.00	.....
26	Purchase of land in Graniteville .....	.....	.....	750.00	750.00
27	Graniteville Fire House .....	.....	.....	15,000.00	.....
3- 6	Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
3-11	Moth Department .....	900.00	807.42	1,923.97	900.00
3-10	Tree Warden .....	500.00	382.12	500.00	500.00
3- 7	Fish and Game Warden .....	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Health and Sanitation — 2.36% of total					
3-12	Board of Health .....	3,500.00	2,689.19	3,500.00	3,500.00
8	Tuberculosis Hospital .....	1,429.62	1,429.62	989.56	989.56
3-13	Cattle Inspector .....	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
31	Purchase of land for dump .....	.....	.....	170.00	170.00

Article	Appropriation	Voted and Transfrd. 1945	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1946	Recommended for 1946
	Highway Department — 15.36% of total				
3-14	Snow & Ice Removal .....	10,900.00	10,392.97	6,000.00	6,000.00
3-27	Street Lights .....	7,055.00	6,930.00	7,055.00	7,055.00
12	Additional street lights .....			36.00	36.00
3-14	Town Roads .....	1,500.00	184.94	1,500.00	1,500.00
3-14	Chapter 81 Roads .....	10,375.00	20,745.82	10,125.00	10,125.00
3-14	Chapter 90 Roads .....	3,000.00	8,099.23	1,000.00	1,000.00
11	Equipment .....	4,007.75	3,095.94	1,250.56	1,250.56
16	Chapter 90 Construction .....			2,000.00	2,000.00
17	Spreader .....			650.00	650.00
18	New Truck .....			2,000.00	2,000.00
	Charities — 15.87% of total				
3-15	Old Age Assistance .....	16,500.00	15,710.05	15,400.00	15,400.00
3-15	Aid to Dependent Children .....	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00
3-15	Temporary Aid and Infirmary .....	13,250.00	13,176.39	13,250.00	13,250.00
	Soldiers Benefits — 1.47% of total				
3-16	Soldiers Benefits .....	3,000.00	308.42	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Schools — 41.94% of total				
3-17	School Department .....	84,500.00	83,999.25	84,500.00	84,500.00
3-18	Vocational Tuition .....	992.00	992.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Library — 1.47% of total				
3-19	Library .....	2,339.61	2,912.42	3,000.00	3,000.00

Article	Appropriation	Voted and Transfrd. 1945	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1946	Recom- mended for 1946
	Recreation — 0.49% of total				
3-20	Care of Common .....	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
9	Whitney Playground .....	447.60	417.78	300.00	300.00
10	Band Concerts .....	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
	Pensions — 0.04% of total				
13	Contribution Retirement Service .....	67.25	67.25	76.13	76.13
	Unclassified — 2.22% of total				
3-22	Town Reports .....	725.00	631.98	725.00	725.00
3-21	Memorial Day .....	300.00	263.38	300.00	300.00
3-23	Compensation Insurance .....	1,334.62	455.07	455.07	455.07
14	County Extension .....	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	Rationing .....	1,400.00	745.64	.....	.....
	Rehabilitation .....	25.00	.....	.....	.....
36	Celebration of Returned Veterans .....	.....	.....	25.00	25.00
3-28	Finance Reserve .....	3,000.00	2,774.51	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Finance Board Expenses .....	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
3-29	Outstanding Bills .....	1,079.44	1,079.44	.....	.....
	Cemeteries — 1.82% of total				
3-26	Salaries and Wages .....	3,022.03	3,014.78	2,500.00	2,500.00
34	Construction of Fence at Westland Cemetery .....	.....	.....	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Maturing Debt and Interest — .01% of total				
3-25	Int. Revenue Loans. ....	25.00	.....	25.00	25.00
		<u>\$211,432.43</u>	<u>\$217,142.45</u>	<u>\$221,270.29</u>	<u>\$204,646.32</u>

State and County Taxes .....	\$ 5,000.00
Estimated Receipts .....	\$209,146.32
To be raised by Taxation .....	85,000.00
	<u>\$124,146.32</u>

ART. 4. It is recommended that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue.

ART. 15. It is recommended that the gift in this Article be accepted and vote of appreciation extended to the donor.

ART. 23. It is recommended that a Committee be appointed to report at the next Annual Meeting relative to the construction of a new band stand in Westford Center.

ART. 24. The purchase of an oil burner at the Westford Fire House is not recommended for the savings resulting do not seem to warrant the expense.

ART. 27. It is recommended that the sum of \$15,000.00 be transferred from Excess and Deficiency Account to Stabilization Fund under Article 39 for the purpose of constructing a new fire house in Graniteville. The Finance Committee believes that owing to poor material and the high cost of construction that the construction of the fire house should be postponed until 1947, and that a Committee should be appointed to have plans drawn taking into consideration the needs of the community.

ART. 29. It is recommended that this article be dismissed because the funds necessary for temporary repairs have been provided under Article 3-4.

- ART. 32. The Finance Committee does not favor the reopening of the Nabnasset School at this time because of the additional expense involved and because it is the belief of the Committee that the educational program provided under the present system is better than could be provided by opening the school.
- ART. 33. It is recommended that a Committee be appointed to work in conjunction with the School Committee to study the future problem of school buildings in the Town of Westford as a whole.
- ART. 36. It is recommended that this article for celebrating the return of Members of the Armed Forces be postponed until a more careful consideration of the problem has been made.
- ART. 37. The Finance Board does not recommend this article because of our proximity to the Federal Rehabilitation Office in Lowell.
- ART. 38. The Finance Board recommends this article in order that the tax rate may be maintained at approximately the present level.

If the above recommendations of the Finance Committee are adhered to the tax rate will approximate \$33.50 per thousand dollars of valuation. For every appropriation increase of \$1,000.00 the tax rate will increase approximately 28 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

E. KENT ALLEN, Chairman.

W. OTIS DAY

HERFORD N. ELLIOTT

EVERETT SCOTT

ALBERT FORTY

JOHN L. SHEA

Finance Committee.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EMILY F. FLETCHER LECTURE FUND

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To the Citizens of Westford

The bequest received by the Town in 1923 from Miss Emily F. Fletcher for lectures on natural history and travel has once again enabled the trustees to present a lecturer of outstanding importance. On December fifth Julian Bryan gave two lectures on South America at Abbot Hall. In the afternoon an audience of 200 children enjoyed his illustrated talk on family life in that country. Due to the efforts of Mr. Sweatt, Superintendent of Schools, bus transportation was provided to bring the children to the Hall and return them to their homes.

The subject of his evening lecture was Argentina. Due to the very cold weather and poor traveling conditions a much smaller audience was present than should have been, considering the character of speaker and the subject under discussion.

Fee of Julien Bryan \$300.

Receipts from the lectures \$30.70.

Minor expenses, \$27.50.

Returned to the fund \$3.20.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. ROUDENBUSH,

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,

ALICE M. HOWARD, Secretary,

MAY E. DAY,

ALBERT C. COOK.

# **WARRANT TOWN OF WESTFORD**

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## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County,

### **GREETINGS:**

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at their several polling places, viz:

- Precinct 1. Town Hall, Westford Center
- Precinct 2. Abbot Hall, Graniteville
- Precinct 3. Donnelly's Store, Brookside
- Precinct 4. Abbot Hall, Forge Village

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1946**

being the second Monday in said month, at 12:00 o'clock noon for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes for the following officers:

### **FOR THREE YEARS**

- One Selectman
- One Member of the Board of Public Welfare
- One Assessor
- Two Members of the School Committee
- One Member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners
- One Trustee of the Public Library
- One Member of the Board of Health

### **FOR ONE YEAR**

- One Moderator
- One Constable
- One Tree Warden

All on one ballot.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 8 P. M., and to meet in the Town Hall at Westford Center on the following

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1946**

at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz:

ART. 1. To hear the reports of Town Officers and Committees; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 2. To determine the salary and compensation of elected officers and officials as provided by law.

ART. 3. To appropriate money to meet the costs and expenses of the following departments, officers and purposes:

1. General Government.
2. Town Hall.
3. Police Department.
4. Fire Department.
5. Hydrants.
6. Sealer of Weights and Measures.
7. Fish and Game Warden.
8. Forest Fires.
9. Town Forest.
10. Tree Warden.
11. Moth Department.
12. Health Department.
13. Cattle Inspector.
14. Highway purposes.
15. Department of Public Welfare.
16. Soldiers' Benefits.
17. School Department.
18. Vocational tuition.
19. Public Library.
20. Care of Common.
21. Commemoration of Memorial Day.
22. Publishing of Town Reports.
23. Compensation Insurance.
24. Fire Insurance.
25. Interest on Revenue Loans.
26. Cemeteries.
27. Street Lights.
28. Finance Committee Reserve Fund.
29. Unpaid bills of previous years.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or act in relation thereto.

- ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway maintenance; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agent in any suit or suits which may arise during the current year, with authority to settle and adjust claims or demands for or against the Town, and to employ counsel whenever in their judgment it is advisable so to do; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine and 56/100 (\$989.56) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of paying the County of Middlesex, as required by law, the Town's share of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital as assessed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 111 of the General Laws; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the care of the Whitney Playground; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred (\$400.) Dollars, or some other sum, for Band Concerts during the current year; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Highway Equipment Account; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install two street lights on Abbot Street in Forge Village; or act in relation thereto.
- ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Six and 13/100 (\$76.13) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of paying into the Contributory Retirement System the Town's portion of the amount which would have been paid into said Retirement System by former Westford teachers who are now in the military or naval service, all as provided in Section 9 of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941, as amended by Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943 or act in relation thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten (\$10.) Dollars and elect a Director, under the provisions of Sections 40 to 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, as amended; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift made to it during the year 1945 by the Solomon Hyams Fund, Inc.; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of reconstructing Groton Road contingent upon the State and County contributing towards the cost of said reconstruction; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a stone spreader for the Highway Department; the same to be purchased under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Hundred (\$1600.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of purchasing a truck for the Highway Department; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 18A. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 18, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer by a good and sufficient bill of sale title to the 1937 Ford truck now used by the Highway Department and apply the sum received therefor against the purchase price of the new truck; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Seventy-Five (\$575.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of purchasing an automobile for the Police Department, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 20. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 19, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer by a good and sufficient bill of sale title to the automobile now

used by the Police Department and apply the sum received therefor against the purchase price of the new car; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a typewriter for use in the offices of the Board of Selectmen, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 22. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 21, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer by a good and sufficient bill of sale title to the typewriter now used in the offices of the Selectmen, and apply the sum received therefor against the purchase price of the new typewriter; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of constructing a permanent band stand on the Common in Westford Center; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of purchasing and installing an oil burner in the Fire House at Westford Center, said purchase and installation to be made under the supervision of the Fire Department; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to purchase about 8639 square feet of land on the southwesterly side of Broadway and northwesterly side of Cross Street in Graniteville for the purpose of erecting thereon a new fire house; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 26. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 25, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of purchasing about 8639 square feet of land on the southwesterly side of Broadway and northwesterly side of Cross Street in Graniteville for the purpose of erecting thereon a new fire house; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 27. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 25, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from the account entitled Excess and Deficiency, the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the

purpose of erecting on said land a new fire house similar to the Forge Village Fire House; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 28. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 27, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen in the name and behalf of the Town to convey by good and sufficient deed title to the land situated in Graniteville, with the building thereon, said building being now used as a fire house, for such sum as to the Board of Selectmen may seem advisable; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 29. In the event of a negative vote under Article 28, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of making repairs to the present fire house building in Graniteville, said repairs to be made under the supervision of the Board of Fire Engineers; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to purchase land adjoining the present town dump for the purpose of enlarging said dump; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 31. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 30, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of purchasing land adjoining the present town dump for the purpose of enlarging said dump, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the School Committee to reopen for use for school purposes the Nabnasset School; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to work in conjunction with the School Committee to study and investigate the advisability of and need for a new school building; said Committee to make a full report of its findings at the next annual town meeting; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Hundred (\$1200.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of constructing a fence at the Westlawn Cemetery, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Cemetery Commissioners; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the purpose of defraying the expenses of selling land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of celebrating the return of men and women who served in or were affiliated or associated with the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 723 of the Acts of 1945, providing for the establishment and maintenance of municipal departments and of districts for furnishing information, service and assistance to Veterans of World War II or other Veterans; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use as free cash a sum of money not to exceed fifteen thousand (\$15,000.) Dollars, said amount to be approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth, and said sum to be applied in determining the tax rate for the current year 1946; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from the account entitled Excess and Deficiency, a certain sum of money for the purpose of creating a Stabilization Fund under the provisions of Chapter 124 of the Acts of 1945; or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at each Post Office in said Westford, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the first meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fourth day of January in the year of our Lord 1946.

ARTHUR M. WHITLEY

ARTHUR L. HEALY

CYRIL A. BLANEY

Selectmen of Westford.

A true copy. Attest:

.....  
Constable of Westford.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
OF THE  
*Town of Westford*



**For the Year Ending December 31,**  
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## ORGANIZATION — SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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William Kelly .....	Term Expires 1948
H. Arnold Wilder .....	Term Expires 1948
F. Stanley Smith .....	Term Expires 1947
Robert Hunter .....	Term Expires 1947
Frederick W. Gatenby, Chairman .....	Term Expires 1946
Mrs. Dorothy L. Chandler, Secretary .....	Term Expires 1946

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Chester V. Sweatt, Westford, Mass.

Tel. Residence 616

Tel. Office 561

### SCHOOL TELEPHONES

Tel. Cameron School 542

Tel. Sargent School 553

Tel. Wm. E. Frost School 230

Tel. Westford Academy 561

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Westford, Mass.

### SCHOOL NURSE

Dorothy Healy, R. N., Westford, Mass.

Tel. Office 391 Town Hall

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Citizens of Westford,  
Westford, Massachusetts.

I hereby submit my annual report as Chairman of the School Committee for the year 1945.

Two new members, Mr. William Kelly and Mr. H. Arnold Wilder were elected to the Board this year. They fill vacancies left by the expiration of the terms of Mr. Thomas Curley and Mr. Clifford Courchaine.

At the first meeting of the Board, Mr. Frederick Gatenby was chosen chairman and Mrs. Dorothy Chandler, secretary.

Like all school boards our own has had to contend with the problem of securing and holding teachers. We have been more fortunate than a neighboring school union that has had to replace over half its teaching staff annually during the past four years. The problem of securing good teachers and keeping them is one of salary. Teachers are no longer satisfied, and rightly so, with salaries of twelve or thirteen hundred dollars.

As was stated in the 1944 budget, it is the policy of our Board to maintain a salary range of \$1200 to \$1700 for elementary and \$1200 to \$2100 for secondary teachers. This is none too much but it would tend to make Westford something more than a training ground for beginning teachers. This schedule cannot be maintained longer than through 1946 on the present total budget figure.

We are respectfully asking for the sum of \$84,500.00 with which to operate the public schools during 1946 and the sum of \$1,000.00 for vocational tuition. The amount for vocational tuition is increased over that of 1946 because more pupils are attending Lowell Vocational School.

This year the Town has received \$5,703.00 as our share of income taxes appropriated according to Part 1, Ch. 70 of the General Laws, \$954.25 for tuition and transportation of State Wards, \$81.87 from

Tyngsboro for tuition of one pupil, and \$150.90 from the State for reimbursement on vocational tuition. These funds are paid directly to the Town Treasurer and are not available to the School Department.

Many Massachusetts school officials believe the income tax returns, by law apportioned according to teachers, should be made directly available for school purposes. On the other hand there is no question but what the money received from the State and other towns for tuition and transportation is received by the Town as a result of school services. Westford received \$1,187.02 from the latter sources thus actually making the school expenditures for the year 1944 \$82,812.73 instead of \$83,999.75.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK W. GATENBY,

Chairman.

# Expenditures of School Department

## SCHOOLS

### Teachers' Salaries

Academy .....	\$15,281.50	
Elementary .....	33,914.28	\$49,195.78

### Textbooks

Academy .....	717.60	
Elementary .....	1,107.14	1,824.74

### Supplies

Academy .....	1,228.66	
Elementary .....	1,186.33	2,414.99

### Other Expense of Instruction

Academy .....	201.50	
Elementary .....	289.00	490.50

### Janitors' Salaries

Academy .....	2,128.68	
Elementary .....	4,390.08	6,518.76

### Fuel

Academy .....	1,112.89	
Elementary .....	2,119.71	3,232.60

# Miscellaneous Operation

Academy		
Water .....	122.52	
Janitor Sup. ....	233.28	
Lights .....	358.92	
Telephone .....	24.00	
Elementary		
Water .....	106.52	
Janitor Sup. ....	256.51	
Lights .....	423.25	
Telephones .....	61.54	1,586.54
Repairs		
Academy .....	1,558.41	
Elementary .....	1,716.57	3,274.98
Furniture and Fixtures		
Academy .....	62.00	
Elementary .....	549.67	611.67
Health		
Salary and Supplies .....		316.00
Transportation		
Academy .....	4,167.64	
Elementary .....	4,170.13	8,337.77
Tuition		
Academy .....	247.32	
Elementary .....	119.57	366.89
Other Expense		
Academy .....	64.42	
Elementary .....	33.51	97.93
General Control		
Supt's Salary .....	3,097.78	
Supt's Expenses .....	123.00	
Clerk .....	830.00	
School Census .....	85.00	
Office Expenses .....	463.14	4,603.92
Outlay		
Academy .....	299.99	
Elementary .....	826.69	1,126.68
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		\$83,999.75
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Vocational Tuition .....	992.00	
Retirement .....	67.25	
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		\$1,054.75
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# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Westford School Committee:

It is a pleasure to present the following report.

The heart of a school program is the classroom teacher. On her shoulders rests the quality of instruction, the extent of pupil learning, and the quality of pupil morale. This report is devoted in a large measure to what has been accomplished in Westford schools in the improvement of classroom instruction.

## In-Service Teacher Training

It is generally accepted by the average citizen that teachers need only to attend some training school to be fully prepared to teach indefinitely thereafter. While it is true such study does prepare teachers for their work, this training is only preparatory. A teacher must continue this training as long as he teaches. This can be done in many ways, such as university graduate courses, extension courses, lectures, reading, travel, and industrial work.

A determined effort has been made by the Westford teachers to improve professionally. During the first half of 1945, seven of the staff attended regular graduate courses at Harvard or Boston University. Four attended the full summer session at Harvard. During the fall semester, seven teachers took graduate courses at Harvard and Boston University and twenty-one participated in a Harvard-Boston University Extension Course held in Westford. In addition, one teacher took private lessons throughout the year while another spent the summer traveling.

This professional study on the part of the staff has resulted in improved instruction. Teachers are more enthusiastic and purposeful in their work. They are more aware of their responsibilities for the development by their pupils of the attitudes, appreciations, understandings, insights, abilities, and knowledges involved in worthy living. This professional improvement is most gratifying and the staff is to be commended for its efforts.

The School Board is to be congratulated on their keen awareness of the need for in-service training. The financial assistance given to the teachers has been a tremendous stimulus. Inasmuch as no financial aid is given a teacher until she returns the following year, it has also had some stabilizing effect on the permanency of the staff.

Each principal has been asked to state how the in-service training program has affected instruction in his school. Their reports follow:

#### Mr. Perry—Cameron School

In order to get a fairer picture of how the teachers at Cameron School have improved or have tried to improve in their classroom instruction, each teacher was asked to write a short paper evaluating her teaching. This to me was a better way than if I had recorded what I had seen through observation. Being a full time teaching principal, it is difficult to judge a teacher's work on the short visits which are occasionally made. The following will be a summary of the papers received.

The subject of discipline was mentioned several times and it was definitely clear that the discipline mentioned was not the kind in vogue fifteen or twenty years ago, as the following will show. "I have tried to create a feeling of freedom from tenseness and strain but not a freedom without restraint. A feeling of ease is a factor toward learning. One cannot do his best work if he is tense and ill at ease." "A well-disciplined classroom is conducive to greater learning than is possible in a room where the discipline is either too rigid, in the old fashioned manner, or non-existent. My description of a well disciplined classroom is a place wherein the pupils do the job that is required because it is interesting to them and they want to do it. Under these circumstances, even the so-called problem-child ceases to be a problem." "An informal atmosphere should be present and the feeling of fear of the teacher should be eliminated." This does not exhaust the remarks on this subject but space prevents further discussion.

Another teacher remarks, "This year I have worked especially hard in trying to improve my slower reading groups. These groups have improved, both in silent and oral reading. Such things as drills in words and phrases, silent reading, alphabet, and phonic drills have helped these slow readers."

"Improvement in teaching comes with the successful outcome of objectives set by the teacher in accordance with the interests, needs, and abilities of her class. This year I have been trying to make the class feel that school is a privilege and not just something they are compelled to attend. I would like to change a worn out statement from, "If you don't do your work you will stay after school" to "If you don't do your work you can't stay after school."

"The subject matter should be determined by the needs of the class, not the book. A teacher discovers these needs by the questions that are asked and the information volunteered. Oftentimes she must set the stage herself. Now we have "The birth of a unit." No more handing out a set of questions to be answered by everyone from his text and passed in at the end of my specified date. Rather we list pupil questions, then discover that our own texts don't have enough information, so we gather the necessary references and find the answers to our own questions."

"I have found that Mrs. Landis' course has been particularly helpful to me. The principles of teaching which she presented in our Art course can be applied to any class. I have learned that motivation through vivid presentation of material will give the necessary stimulus whereby the child will not be satisfied until the learning process is complete. In spelling, by making each word alive, that is, understanding and applying it through oral and written work, I find the children eager for each new group of words. Spelling rather than a mechanical thing becomes related to reading and language."

We at Cameron School, like all other teachers in Westford, are striving to improve our classroom instruction. Last year four of our teachers took courses at Harvard University. The first semester of this year, two took courses at Boston University. There are a number of us who are now planning to take more courses at Harvard and Boston University this coming semester. Only through constant study can we hope to improve our teaching.

#### **Mr. Getchell—Sargent School**

We at Sargent School have been alert to improve ourselves professionally during the past year. While three of us have taken courses at Harvard University or Boston University the main source of new teaching ideas has been our extension course "Art In the Elementary School", taught by Mrs. Landis of Harvard University. While this was primarily an Art course it offered innumerable sound practical teaching principles that could be used in most any school situation. Our teachers, always alert for new and better procedures, were quick to adopt them with the following results:

Realizing that sometimes a child's enthusiasm is dampened by too much stress upon *how* something should be done when he is trying to express himself either artistically, poetically, musically, or through oral and written stories, the teachers have allowed them to

express themselves first, unhindered by attention to mechanical details, and then afterwards have worked tactfully to correct these mechanical errors. This has produced excellent creative stories in the language work of Grades 3 and 4. The children of Grade 4 have been able to interpret their songs both musically and through making up their own dances to fit the music. The pupils of Grades 7 and 8 have shown remarkable ability to express themselves through the written word. One girl has been able to consistently express herself through poetry. Her crowning achievement being the re-writing in poetic form of a story written in prose. Another girl can express herself excellently by writing, directing, and acting plays.

Of course, the art itself has shown a remarkable improvement in that the children are now really expressing themselves artistically and not merely "coloring" as school art so frequently was in the past. I am especially proud of our little first graders who have been in school only four months. It is a pleasure to see them working and then have them interpret their paintings orally. Their parents can well be proud of them.

All of the teaching procedures and pupil results promise a brilliant future for the children in Westford in being able to express themselves under the guidance of teachers well skilled in the art and science of modern teaching.

#### **Mr. Bozoian—Wm. E. Frost School**

The value of a teacher to a community is determined in large measure by what he is doing for the children of the community and what he is doing to make himself an increasingly more important factor in the stimulation and motivation of educational experiences.

As principal of the William E. Frost School, it has been my privilege to watch the growth of our teachers both with respect to their philosophical concepts of education and the application of practical educational principles.

Evidence of professional growth, for the most part the result of in-service training, is apparent in the work of all teachers. Our youngest teacher and oldest teacher seem to be following the same principles when the former says, "I have a feeling of more confidence in the approach and the actual teaching of ideas." And the latter says, "Each year, I try to present different things in different ways to stimulate new ideas."

Our energies are directed, insofar as possible, toward the realization of a school situation in which pupils live. This democratic living we place on a level of the pupils in order to make it effective. One of our teachers explains, "Encouraging children to **express themselves** is no simple task. And unless children do learn in school to do their own thinking and to express themselves as they feel and interpret the same as their own, their ability to express themselves will be very much curtailed."

Practically all formal education, at one time, was a matter of telling children what to do and then making certain that they did it. Such rigid training under a "tell them—do it—make them do it" philosophy does not prepare young people for living in a democracy. "Crushing democratic living in a school or a group is likely to produce mentally handicapped children just as a lack of exercise is likely to produce physically handicapped children."

Our teachers present problems to their classes as a whole. Here they give prominence to the ideas of the children. "Free, constructive discussion, in accordance with their own provisions, is encouraged. Children are most likely to follow plans in which they have shared."

In the social studies, one of our teachers explains, "The value of this work is not in the realization of some very unusual thought expressed in a brilliant manner. Rather it is to bring about personal growth. The question asked is, "Has the child grown in his ability to express himself and to interpret his own ideas?"

Another kind of growth is typified in the statement one teacher makes, "I hope I have grown in tolerance, understanding, and appreciation."

We have seen tremendous growth among our teachers in the use of art as a medium of expression. Youngsters have been free to follow impulses and feelings in painting their own ideas and interpreting these ideas in the light of their own experiences. Our in-service training program in art this year has elicited such responses as these:

"It was a source of growth to me. This course has improved my methods by making them more progressive."

"My outstanding interest this year is the art course which has been a great inspiration and stimulation for my work."

"The art course has given me opportunity to grow and strengthen my teaching."

This philosophy cannot help but reflect a spirit and attitude that is making Westford a place where children are going to school to prepare for living, "I have felt keenly the responsibility that present day education places upon me as a teacher in the schools of Westford. This year, I have tried to make it my chief task to understand the thinking and individual personality of each child with a view toward evaluating his creative work by not only analyzing his eventual success but also by interesting myself in his aims in life and his reactions to life situations."

### Art Instruction

For many years a certain amount of time has been given for art instruction in the elementary grades. With a few exceptions the work has been of not too good quality. This was due to a lack of understanding of the basic philosophy of art instruction.

This fall a Harvard-Boston University Extension Course was organized in Westford for the purpose of helping teachers acquire an art philosophy and techniques for putting that philosophy into practice. Mrs. Mildred Landis, an art instructor at Harvard University and Ella Wheelock College, conducted the course. The course was financed by the teachers themselves, with some assistance from the School Board and the Harvard-Boston University Extension Service. Mrs. Landis has taken a great interest in what our teachers are trying to do and has come to Westford many times at her own expense, and without remuneration, to help teachers conduct art work in their classrooms. We are grateful for Mrs. Landis' interest and help which has gone far beyond her responsibility as an extension course instructor.

It has been asked, "What do you hope to accomplish through this art work?" I would answer as follows: Language of all sorts, oral, written, or pictorial is a means of self-expression. So is physical movement, like dancing and skating. So, also, is music and art. Through these various means the human being can express himself and each is used when it can best express the desired idea or feeling.

Every child should develop his natural self-expression so that he can portray ideas and feelings that are his very own. Among the ways this can be done are writing, dancing, singing, playing a musical instrument, or painting a picture. To be good the work must be one's very own, and it must have quality. Young children can usually express themselves in one or more of these ways until we adults, in our fear of being different from the masses despite the fact

that we all want to be different, teach them to inhibit their natural self-expression.

Our classroom work using paints and crayons is designed to help children keep alive their natural expressiveness. Expressing ideas through the media of paint and crayon, if begun with young children by a clever teacher, will help a child to develop his own individuality. Very few will become artists and then only after years of effort, but all will make progress in becoming more individual personalities.

(It should be trite to say that the above is not to advocate that children should always do as they please. No one with any sense advocates this.)

Evidence of pupil originality can be seen in their classroom displays. If the visitor will only view them on the beginners level rather than on the level of the finished worker, these displays show real pupil development. They indicate that a significant step has been taken in improving the art work in Westford.

## MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS

Every effort is being made to hold to the long range building maintenance plan adopted four years ago. The results of such planning show in the improved appearance of our schools. We have had many compliments by visitors on the attractiveness of Westford school buildings.

Obtaining labor for building maintenance was especially difficult in 1945. We were fortunate to complete the major part of the planned work but some items had to be postponed.

There is always a certain amount of minor plumbing, carpentry, and electrical work that is necessary each year and no attempt has been made to list these things. They include replacing a leaking valve, window cords, or a defective light switch. This type of repairs is at a minimum now that our buildings are in good condition.

The larger items of maintenance are listed below.

### Academy:

Auditorium ceiling washed and painted two coats.

Auditorium stage curtain replaced.

One section of boiler repaired.

Boiler grates replaced.

New book shelves in one of classrooms.

Replacing the steam pipes which run through the coal bin.

Cameron School:

Coal bin window enlarged into bulkhead so coal can be dumped directly into bin.

Fluorescent lights were installed in six of the classrooms.

Wm. E. Frost School:

Driveway resurfacing begun in 1944, completed.

Eighth grade room floor sanded and refinished.

Toilet seats replaced.

Window seat in teachers' room enlarged to serve as sick room cot.

New book shelves in teachers' room.

Nabnasset School:

Replacing damaged shutter and window glass.

Sargent School:

Painting exterior two coats.

Repairing roof and roof gutters.

First grade room floor sanded and refinished.

## NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

The No-School signal will be two blows of the fire alarm whistle repeated three times.

The above signals will be given at 7:15 A. M. unless icing conditions begin about that time; in which case the No-School signal may be blown as late as 7:45 A. M.

The No-School announcement will be broadcast over stations WEEI, WLLH, and WLAW whenever possible.

It is the policy of the School Department to keep schools in session on all days during which it is safe for buses to be operated. On days when the weather condition is questionable parents are urged to exercise their own judgment as to the wisdom of sending their children to school.

## CHANGES IN STAFF PERSONNEL

Resignations:

Esther T. Burns, first grade, Wm. E. Frost School.

Helen Marie Garrity, fifth grade, Sargent School.

Marion E. Carroll, grades 6, 7, 8, Reading & English, Cameron School

Samuel F. Frolio, science, Academy.

Anthony G. L. Brackett, principal, Academy.

Leave of Absence:

Walter T. Pulsifer, returned December 1, 1945, Academy.

New Staff Members:

Elinore Corbett, seventh grade, Cameron School.

Mary L. Kearney, fifth grade, Sargent School.

Mollie A. Mazur, first grade, Wm. E. Frost School.

Fredric W. Jewett, science, Academy.

Albert C. Cook, principal, Academy.

## A WORD OF THANKS

### Christmas Gifts

It is my privilege to extend to the Abbot Worsted Co. and the C. G. Sargent Sons Corporation the appreciation of the elementary school children for the generous Christmas gifts given by them.

One of the finest things any school system can have is the democratic way of working together, for then everyone's talents can be put to the greatest use. I believe we have this spirit in Westford. I see evidence of it constantly among pupils, teachers, principals, school board, and citizens. It is this willingness of all to work together to give Westford better schools that makes serving as superintendent of schools in Westford a real pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER V. SWEATT.

# REGISTRATION — WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 1, 1945

SCHOOL GRADES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	pg
Academy .....									46	44	36	34	1
Cameron .....	21	24	29	22	16	23	19	22					161
Wm. E. Frost .....	23	24	21	14	13	17	14	21					176
Sargent .....	29	30	29	23	29	20	18	20					147
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Totals .....	73	78	79	59	58	60	51	63	46	44	36	34	1
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## Registration of Minors

October 1, 1945

MINORS BY AGE GROUPS	5-7	7-16	Totals
Girls .....	60	269	329
Boys .....	63	277	340
Totals .....	123	546	669

# CORPS OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER 31, 1945

School	Teachers	Training at	Date of Appointment
CAMERON SCHOOL.....	Peter F. Perry, B. S., Ed. M. (Prin.).....	Hyannis Normal, B. U. ....	Sept. 1924
	Louise E. Thompson, B. S., Ed. M. ....	Lowell Normal, B. U. ....	Sept. 1922
	Ruth A. Walker .....	Lowell Normal School .....	Sept. 1922
	Helen A. Johnston, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1942
	Janet L. Kenney, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1912
	Laura I. Hall, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1944
	D. Ethel Cleary, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1944
	Elinore A. Corbett, A. B. ....	Regis College .....	Sept. 1945
	K. Merton Bozoian, B. S. E., (Prin.).....	Bridgewater State Teachers College .....	Jan. 1942
	Mollie A. Mazur, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1945
Wm. E. Frost.....	Shirley M. Coughlin, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1940
	Ruth P. Tuttle .....	Lowell Normal School .....	Sept. 1903
	Rita H. Miller, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1939
	Kathleen R. Hammersley, A. B. ....	D'Youville College .....	Oct. 1938
	Gordon C. Getchell, B. S. E., (Prin.).....	Salem State Teachers, B. U. ....	Sept. 1944
	Ann Harrington .....	Lowell Normal School .....	Sept. 1926
Sargent School .....	Jean E. Bell .....	Fitchburg Normal School .....	April 1930
	Alice M. Cullen .....	Lowell Normal School .....	Nov. 1940
	Lottie D. Blodgett .....	Framingham Normal .....	Sept. 1916
	Mary A. Kearney, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1945
	Catherine Goodwin, B. S. E. ....	Lowell State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1943
	Lillian G. Wright .....	Lowell Normal School .....	Sept. 1914

Academy .....	Albert C. Cook, B. S. E. (Prin.) .....	Mass. State College .....	Sept. 1945
	Mildred J. Caram, B. S. E. ....	Salem State Teachers College .....	Sept. 1941
	Carolyn E. Dutton, A. B. ....	Boston University .....	Sept. 1943
	E. Louise Freneau, B. A. ....	Tufts College .....	Sept. 1944
	Frederic W. Jewett, B. A. ....	Wheaton, Maryville .....	Sept. 1945
	Herbert G. Lowell, A. B. ....	Portland Jr. College, Duke .....	Sept. 1944
	Mary L. Robinson, Ph. B. ....	Goucher, Univ. of Chicago .....	Sept. 1927
	Helen R. Rochefort, A. B. ....	Tufts College .....	Sept. 1942
School Nurse .....	Dorothy Healy, R. N. ....	Framingham .....	Sept. 1941
Supt .of Schools .....	Chester V. Sweatt, B. S., Ed. M. ....	University of Maine .....	Aug. 1942
		Western Reserve University	

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES

June 1945

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### CAMERON SCHOOL

Jean Marie Blowey	Toby Katherine Krasiuk
Anna Louise Butko	Leo Francis Lahme
Josephine Patricia Connell	Jane Harriet Lassonde
Eileen Costello	Jean Gabriel LeFebre
John Francis Crickett	Barbara Ann McKniff
Mary Irene Kavanagh	George Henry Ricard
Daniel Kelly	Barbara Kathleen Young

### WM. E. FROST SCHOOL

John Antonelli, Jr.	Rachel Michelson
Robert Daniel Budge	Elwin Warren Nixon
Joanne Patricia Costello	Barbara June Phillips
Roy Elbert Flagg	Frederick Franklin Selfridge
Barbara Ann Fletcher	Lawrence Ingalls Shea
Leon Joseph Gagnon, Jr.	John Francis Sullivan, Jr.
Barbara Marion Gilman	Donald Thomas Wark
Doris Elizabeth Jones	Joanne Wright

Joan Elizabeth Young

### SARGENT SCHOOL

Barbara Jane Brown	Florence Mary Milot
Edward Connolly	Gloria Moreno
Rita Loretta Cote	Rita Josephine Nadolny
Theresa Marie Desrosiers	Robert Daniel Nickles
Ernest Gagnon	Nancy Rose Paduano
Joanne Beatrice Hadley	Frank Perkins
Robert Arthur Holmes	Beverly Randall
Broncha Jaroma	Norman Brian St. Onge
Shirley Lorraine Johnson	Robert Wall
Cecile Marie Milot	Regina Wood

Ronald Michael Woznac

# REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF WESTFORD ACADEMY

For the Year Ending December 31, 1945

January 1, 1946

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt  
Superintendent of Schools  
Westford, Massachusetts  
Dear Sir:

I am pleased, herewith to submit the annual report as Principal of Westford Academy.

At last the end of the war has come and we may return to our peace time pursuits. These have been times that have tried our souls, but perhaps the suffering through which we, as a nation, have passed had a refining influence on our lives. Thus, we may be better prepared to live in this new era of peace.

In this new era, youth will play an important role. The youth of our nation deserves most of the credit for winning the war and in years to come will be our leaders. Therefore, one cannot over-emphasize the need of trained leaders. These should be developed in all youth activities and especially in our schools. Our young people have made valuable war time contributions and now through their Student Council, will receive the same training in the responsibilities of self-government as they receive in the subjects of the established Academic curriculum. We, therefore, look with favor upon the efforts of the school staff to make the school a place where boys and girls can experience democracy and learn its practical ways of life.

## Enrollment

The Academy had an enrollment on October 1, 1945 of 162 pupils, distributed as follows:

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
1946	11	19	30
1947	11	27	38
1948	14	32	46
1949	22	26	48
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Total	58	104	162

Note: Each pupil is required to have 15 credits to be a Sophomore, 35 credits to be a Junior, 60 credits to be a Senior, and 80 credits to graduate.

## **Scholarship**

The scholarship level has been improving and its improvement is one of our most important aims. We are attempting to stimulate better scholastic achievement on the part of our students by helping them to improve their study habits and by helping pupils individually.

## **Habits of Study**

Failures and habits of study in the individual student are closely related. Poor study habits often result in much waste of time and energy on the part of the pupil, and are responsible in some degree for his failure to achieve success. This year informal meetings of the Freshmen were held for the purpose of instructing them in correct study habit procedures. In addition, individual conferences with pupils of all classes have been arranged to plan their study time in school and at home. It is important that parents as well as teachers help pupils follow a study plan, for only by maintaining a rigid study schedule can a pupil acquire abiding habits of correct study.

## **Individual Teaching**

To facilitate make-up work in the afternoon for those pupils absent on account of illness, or for other good reasons, behind in their studies and justified in asking help of the teachers, a schedule of make-up sessions was adopted. This affords an excellent opportunity for pupil-teacher conferences and also an opportunity to remove misunderstandings of all sorts which may have arisen in connection with regular classroom work. While pupils are expected to do make-up work during these sessions, this does not exclude the well-intentioned pupil from making up back work, or from obtaining extra help by appointment with the teachers.

## **Curriculum**

A secondary school program must be provided in which the curriculum content and the method of instruction are differentiated and developed to meet the capacity and needs of all types of youth. The introduction of courses such as Smith-Hughes Agriculture and Home Economics would increase the opportunity of these students to experience successful accomplishment, while at the same time, affect a modernization of our curriculum in accord with current trends in this phase of secondary education. This is impossible now due to the lack of available space in our present building.

## **Library**

The school continues to work in close association with Miss Mae Day, librarian of the J. V. Fletcher Library. At three week intervals throughout the school year, Miss Day brings the "library" to the school and sets up shop in one end of the Assembly Hall. Here pupils are allowed to come to select books, either for reference in connection with regular classroom work, or for outside reading reports. The fine service which Miss Day is rendering the pupils and the school is to be commended.

## **Press Club**

Mrs. Robinson and Miss Caram are advisers for the Press Club, organized as the Clarion Associates. This active group publishes a weekly newspaper, "The Clarionette", and a quarterly magazine, "The Clarion", the final issue being the "Year Book".

## **Handicraft Club**

The Handicraft Club was first formed in October, 1944 with Miss Dutton as adviser. The club began its work this past fall with as much enthusiasm and with the addition of a few boys. Again the girls decided to do Red Cross work, making articles for the service men, such as: wash cloths, men's handkerchiefs, and stuffed animals of many types to be used in children's hospitals. The boys shellacked lap boards for wounded service men and made paper disposal bags for use in Lowell hospitals.

## **Agriculture Club**

The Agriculture Club, under the direction of Mr. Erickson, 4H Extension Leader of Middlesex County, was created for the benefit of those who are interested in farming. The program of this club consists of talks by Mr. Erickson illustrated with motion pictures. The topics of poultry and soil conservation have been discussed thus far. The remainder of the program will be devoted to live stock, vegetable gardening, and orcharding.

## **Glee Club**

The Academy Glee Club, Mr. Lowell, adviser, has doubled in size over last year's organization; it now consists of some 60 female voices. Of this group, 36 voices have been chosen to represent the Academy at various local, musical functions. An attempt is also being made to sponsor a double octet of female voices which will participate with the regular Glee Club in a proposed Spring Concert.

## **History Club**

The History Club with Mr. Pulsifer as adviser, is open to all pupils who are interested in becoming better acquainted with the people of the United States and the other countries of the world. The program includes speakers qualified to speak about the various regions of the United States or foreign countries, motion pictures of appropriate subjects, discussion groups, research into local history, listening to radio programs, and, when feasible, trips to nearby sites.

## **Dramatic Club**

The Dramatic Club serves several purposes. It is under the direction of Mrs. Rochefort, adviser. The Club trains pupils in stage deportment, thereby giving them some poise and ease before the public. Dramatic work reaches more than the few who are selected to act. It gives work which involves responsibility and initiative to those concerned with the business of production, stage manners, business and publicity managers.

This year we had our customary Freshman Initiation Party.

A skit in English followed by a Spanish version, the proceeds of which were sent to the Lovell General Hospital at Fort Devens to help buy Christmas presents for patients.

## **Mathematics Club**

In December, 1945, a Mathematics Club was organized at Westford Academy with Miss Fremneau as adviser. The purpose of this club is to provide special instruction in the use of the slide rule, mathematical tables, and other devices so necessary in the study of higher mathematics.

## **Athletics**

### **Girls' Basketball**

Miss Fremneau is coach of the girls' basketball team of Westford Academy which participated in the eastern division of the Wachusett League during the 1944-45 season. Throughout the playing season the girls practiced fair play and good sportsmanship, and were rewarded with a fine record of ten wins against five losses. At the end of the league period, our team took part in the first girls' basketball tournament sponsored by Littleton High School, and went through to the semi-finals only to be eliminated by a superior East Jaffrey team.

## Boys' Athletics

Mr. Jewett is coaching athletics for the boys this year.

The Academy Baseball Team enjoyed an undefeated season, winning 11 straight games.

Football, which was organized last year has been continued. A schedule of six games was arranged and played. Due to the drafting for the Armed Services, there was a lack of practice material, so a Midget team was organized. This was composed of the larger boys from the three grammar schools and the smaller boys from the Academy. This team played a schedule of four games with other Midget teams from nearby private schools. The hope that, by starting football for the upper grammar school boys, we will develop a nucleus, trained in fundamentals, to be developed later in the Academy.

At the end of the football season, the Westford-Parent Association sponsored a Football Banquet for the teams and cheerleaders. The Town Hall was filled to capacity—the dinner was excellent, speakers were good, and dancing was enjoyed afterwards.

## Student Council

Mr. Cook is adviser to the Student Council which is composed of representatives of the student body. It acts as administrator for all clubs, apportioning the funds, approving the bills, and planning the yearly program of activities. In addition, they discuss and help to solve any problem arising in the student body. Here, the students actually participate in policy making.

The Westford New Year's Ball was sponsored by the American Legion this year. The pupils appreciate the cooperation and interest shown by local organizations in their activities.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the School Board, to the Superintendent, to the teachers, to the pupils, and to the parents and citizens for their kindly cooperation and enthusiastic support.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. COOK,

Principal, Westford Academy.

## WESTFORD ACADEMY

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### Westford Academy Graduates

June 1945

Edith Mae Anderson	Barbara Rose Harrigan
Helen Belida	Walter Kiver
Clement Raymond Bellemore	Frances Louise Lord
Shirlene Mary Canton	Eleanor Louise MacQuarrie
Shirley Agnes Canton	Barbara Jean Palmer
Winifred Ann Connell	Ann Elizabeth Remis
Vivian Marie Cote	Frederick Schill, Jr.
Albert Hayden Duncan	Walter Sechovich
Glenna Feeney	Marion Estella Selfridge
Pauline Edna Ferguson	Hazel Mae Smith
Lucy Adams Flagg	Marjorie Anne Smith
Jean Shirley Gibson	Thaddeus Stanley Wilk
Philip Everett Graham	Mary Agnes Wood
Barbara Marie Haley	Alfred Charles Wyman

#### Class Motto

To Thine Own Self Be True

#### Class Colors

Red and White

#### Class Marshall

Philip Everett Graham

#### Class Flower

American Beauty

### Winners of Prizes (Given by Trustees)

Awarded at Graduation Exercises

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in English:

Five Dollars—Pauline Edna Ferguson

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in Mathematics and Science:

Five Dollars—Lucy Adams Flagg

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in Secretarial Science:

Five Dollars—Helen Belida

Member of Senior Class, the most worthy representative of  
Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—Pauline Edna Ferguson

**Awarded at Class Day Exercises**

Member of Class of 1946, the most worthy representative of  
Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—John Waugh

Member of Class of 1947, the most worthy representative of  
Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—James Studdiford

Member of Class of 1948, the most worthy representative of  
Westford Academy:

Five Dollars—Doris MacArthur

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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Members of the School Committee:

The following is my report as School Physician for the year ending December 31, 1945.

The usual physical examinations were made on all of the children attending the public schools of Westford. A separate physical examination was made to recheck all the cases in which major physical defects were found, in order that the parents of the children could be notified as to what procedure would be needed for them to see that the children would get the needed medical or surgical care when major defects were found.

A special examination was made on the pupils of the Academy who were to play football and basketball, in order that they could carry Liability Insurance and to find out if they were in the right physical condition to enter into these sports.

A large number of pupils were treated at the Abbot Worsted Hospital for minor surgical and medical conditions. These cases came to me as emergency cases referred to me by the principals of the different schools.

Cooperation by the Board of Health Nurse, teachers and parents of the children was splendid as it has been in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. DWIGHT W. COWLES.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

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January 2, 1946

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt  
Superintendent of Schools  
Westford, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Following is the report of the School Nurse from January 1, to December 31, 1945:

Schools visited .....	287
First aid and dressings .....	33
Children examined for minor ailments .....	181
Children recommended for exclusion because of pediculosis and skin infections .....	9

Vaccinations checked.

Weighed and measured all school children.

Assisted school physician with physical examinations of school children in Spring and Fall of 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY A. HEALY, R. N.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF HANDWRITING

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January 2, 1946

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt, Supt.  
Westford Public Schools  
Westford, Mass.

My dear Mr. Sweatt:

I am pleased to submit the following report on the Handwriting program in the Westford schools for the school year 1944-45.

In the initial Handwriting tests administered in September, 1940, 20% of your elementary school pupils received a grade of "A" (Excellent); 8% received a grade of "B". In the June 1945 tests, 84.4% were graded "A" (Excellent); 10.9% were graded "B" (Good); and 4.6% were graded less than "B". Handwriting Certificates were awarded to 88% of the eighth grade and 84% of the High School graduates. These scores indicate that excellent progress has been made and I wish to compliment the pupils and teachers for their achievement.

During the school year we graded approximately 4750 formal and 14250 informal samples of Handwriting for the elementary school children, and 1200 formal and 2800 informal handwriting samples for the High School pupils.

We furnished the following supplies during the year:—monthly outlines for the teachers, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, monthly and term envelopes, term testing paper, individual handwriting certificates for the eighth and high school pupils who qualified, diagnostic charts and seals, etc.

In general, I am pleased with the results obtained and wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the teachers for the fine cooperation I have received.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. RINEHART.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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General Teachers' Meeting .....	Sept. 4	
Schools open .....	Sept. 5.....	
Schools close .....	Dec. 21.....	73 days
Schools open .....	Jan. 2.....	
Schools close .....	Feb. 15.....	33 days
Schools open .....	Feb. 25.....	
Schools close .....	Apr. 12.....	35 days
Schools open .....	Apr. 22.....	
Schools close .....	June 14.....	39 days

Total 180 days

### DAYS OMITTED:

Columbus Day—October 12  
Teachers' Convention—October 26  
Armistice Day—November 12  
Thanksgiving Recess—November 22 & 23  
Christmas Holidays—December 21 to January 2  
Vacation Period—February 15 to February 25  
Vacation Period—April 12 to April 22  
Memorial Day—May 30

### GRADUATIONS:

Elementary—June 17  
Academy—June 18



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

OF THE

### *Town of Westford*



For the Year Ending December 31,

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

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January 1, 1946

The trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit their annual report for 1945, including the report of the librarian and the list of books added in 1945.

It is with appreciation that the trustees once again acknowledge a bequest from a member of the Burbeck family,— a legacy of one thousand dollars under the will of Frederick A. Burbeck for the purchase of books for the J. V. Fletcher Library.

June 1946 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the building presented to the town by J. V. Fletcher. As the years go by there is increased need for repairs such as the refinishing of floors, weather stripping windows, renewing the plumbing and work on the stone steps.

To carry on these repairs and the necessary work of the library and its branches the trustees ask for the following appropriation, viz:

1. The sum of three thousand (\$3000) dollars.
2. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1945.

WILLIAM C. ROUDENBUSH, Chairman

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,

ALICE M. HOWARD, Secretary.

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY FOR 1945

## Salaries and wages:

Librarian .....	\$	812.46	
Janitor .....		362.50	
Assistants .....		211.20	
			\$ 1,386.16

## Books and periodicals

Books .....	881.17	
Periodicals .....	138.00	
Binding .....	20.89	
		\$ 1,040.06
Fuel .....		194.96
Electricity .....		144.85

## Buildings:

Water .....	\$	16.00	
Repairs .....		46.30	
Janitor's supplies .....		2.75	
			65.05

## Other expenses:

Telephone .....	22.56	
Transportation of books .....	30.00	
Stationery and postage .....	3.49	
Miscellaneous .....	10.72	
		\$ 66.77
		\$ 2,897.85

## Income

Town appropriation .....	\$	2,400.00	
Receipts from dog licenses .....		403.58	
Interest from funds .....		121.46	
			\$ 2,925.04
Receipts from fines .....			\$ 69.31

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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January 1, 1946

To the Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library:

For the twenty-eighth time the librarian presents her annual report, during the fiftieth year in which the present building has been in use. The work has been carried on much as usual—loaning books, looking up reference questions for the school children and others, buying new books and making them ready for circulation, mounting pictures, taking books to the high school once in three weeks and sending others to the schools and deposit stations, etc.

There has been a gain of 644 books over the number borrowed last year, of which 205 are adult non-fiction. The history section, including war books, leads with 617, followed by travel with 512, biography with 438 and useful arts (cooking, agriculture, medicine, aviation) with 321. The two days with the smallest circulation were the very snowy days of November 29 with 25 books and December 6 with 33.

No library activity is more important than selecting books for individuals who are interested in particular subjects. One reader has been especially helped by the group of financial books on personal economics and the wise investment of money. Another expressed appreciation for those on art and home decoration, while a third has made use of those relating to his business of carding and spinning at the mill. College students and teachers who have been taking courses have also been provided with books from our collection or borrowed through the Division of Public Libraries in Boston.

On April 27 several classes from Westford Academy were held in the library as their furnace was being repaired.

The exhibits in the Frost Museum case were of articles and pictures of Holland; foreign coins loaned by George Fletcher, Harry Best, Renny Drew, Frederick Burne, Miss Winnek and Miss Day; and now the wedding garments that are worn only once by the bride and groom of Japan loaned by Miss Winnek with Japanese bride and groom dolls belonging to the librarian.

On May 18 the librarian was asked to show the Dutch tiles, dolls and other articles to the fourth grade in Forge Village as they had been studying that country. On November 16 she showed her dolls to the fifth grade in Graniteville in connection with their hobby project.

Again the librarian is grateful to those who have provided flowers for the library: the Misses Atwood, Miss Bunce, Arthur L. Hope, Mrs. Alice Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Staples, and Miss Marion F. Winnek.

On December 19 the motor for the stoker gave out but a new one was installed the next day.

The circulation of magazines increased over that of last year. All except current numbers may be borrowed for one week and the list for the coming year is as follows:

#### WEEKLIES

Geographic News Bulletin	Publishers' Weekly
Illustrated London News	Saturday Evening Post
Life	Time
New York Times Book Review	Turner's Public Spirit
News Week	(Westford Wardsman)

#### MONTHLIES

A. L. A. Booklist	Harper's Monthly
American	Hobbies
American Cookery	House Beautiful
American Girl	Hygeia
American Home	Instructor
Antiques	Jack and Jill-
Asia	Junior Natural History
Atlantic Monthly	Ladies' Home Journal
Better Homes and Gardens	National Geographic
Book Review Digest	Natural History
Boys' Life	Nature
Child Life	Open Road
Cosmopolitan	Outdoor Life
Country Gentleman	Parents' Magazine
Etude	Popular Mechanics
Flying and Popular Aviation	Popular Science Monthly
Good Housekeeping	Reader's Digest
Grade Teacher	

Reader's, Guide to Periodical  
Literature  
School Arts  
Sky

Travel  
Wilson Bulletin  
Woman's Home Companion  
Yankee

#### BI-MONTHLY

Horn Book

Popular Homecraft

#### SEMI-MONTHLY

Library Journal

#### QUARTERLIES

Old Time New England

Subscription Books Bulletin

#### PERIODICALS GIVEN, 1945

Army Life  
Automotive War Production  
  
The A V  
Bell Telephone Quarterly  
Books, N. Y. Herald Tribune  
Christian Register  
  
Christian Science Monitor  
Christian Science Sentinel  
DuPont Magazine  
Education For Victory  
Everybody's Poultry Magazine  
Journal of Calendar Reform  
Middlesex County Bulletin  
  
Netherland News  
  
New England News Letter  
New Hampshire Troubadour  
New Yorker  
News from Belgium  
News of China  
Our Dumb Animals  
Plane Talk

From the War Department  
From Automotive Council for War  
Production  
From the Publishers  
From American Tel. & Tel. Co.  
From The Old Corner Book Store  
From Unitarian Alliance of West-  
ford  
From Miss Mary E. Burbeck  
From Miss Mary E. Burbeck  
From DuPont de Nemours Co.  
From U. S. Office of Education  
From Roy L. Keizer  
From World Calendar Association  
From Middlesex County Extension Service  
From Netherland Information  
Bureau  
From New England Council  
From State of New Hampshire  
From Miss Marion F. Winnek  
From Belgium Information Center  
From United China Relief  
From the Publishers  
From Consolidated Vultee Air  
Craft Corp.  
From Petroloes Mexicanos  
From Polish Review Pub. Co.

Pemex Travel Club Bulletin  
Polish Review

Ships	From Shipbuilders Council of America
Steel Facts	From American Iron & Steel Institute
Tax Talk	From Mass. Federation of Tax-payers' Association
Today's Home	From the Gas Co.
Travelers Standard	From Travelers Insurance Co.
Woman's Day	From Miss Mabel M. Prescott

#### NAMES OF DONORS, 1945

Buckshorn, Fisher—5 volumes.  
 Cameron, Mrs. Julian A.—stereoscope and 3 boxes of pictures.  
 Chrysler corporation—one volume.  
 Fisher, John—6 volumes.  
 Fisher, Miss Ruth—4 vol. photographs of England.  
 Ingalls, Mrs. Harry M.—48 stereographs.  
 Keizer, Mrs. Addie L.—one volume, cactus magazine, vase.  
 Kelly, Miss Marian K.—10 volumes.  
 Lowery, Mrs. Samuel—one volume.  
 O'Connell, William—5 volumes.  
 Pan American Coffee Bureau—one volume.  
 Prescott, Miss Clara F.—3 daguerreotypes of father and brother.  
 Robbins, Roland Wells—2 pamphlets (Story of the minute man)  
 Sargent, Miss Mary H.—80 volumes.  
 South Bend Lathe Works—one volume.  
 Tuttle, Miss Ruth—one volume.  
 Westinghouse Air Brake Co.—one volume.  
 Whitcomb, Mrs. Leroy H.—12 volumes.

#### CIRCULATION

Total circulation of bound volumes .....	14,606
Volumes lent at Library .....	12,382
Volumes lent at Graniteville .....	1,329
Volumes lent at Forge Village .....	652
Volumes lent at Nabnasset .....	243
Circulation in children's department .....	6,152
Volumes lent thru the schools .....	1,794
Periodicals lent .....	3,126
Pamphlets and clippings lent .....	308
Pictures lent .....	940
Jig-saw puzzles lent .....	33
Number of days open .....	152

Largest monthly circulation of bound volumes, October .....	1,284
Smallest monthly circulation, June .....	878
Largest daily circulation, October 4 .....	147
Smallest daily circulation, November 29 .....	25

#### ACCESSIONS

Volumes added by purchase .....	481
Volumes added by gift .....	74
Total number added .....	555
Number of volumes discarded .....	65
Number of volumes in Library .....	18,751

#### AMOUNT OF FUNDS

Legacy of Stephen S. Stone .....	\$1,000.00
Legacy of Augustus K. Fletcher .....	1,000.00
Legacy of Mary M. Henarie, Laws Fund .....	1,000.00
Legacy of John M. Osgood .....	1,000.00
Legacy of Jennie Reed Wilkins .....	150.00
Legacy of Adeline T. Burbeck .....	500.00
Legacy of Albert E. Prescott .....	7,056.08
Legacy of William J. Burbeck .....	1,000.00

#### REGULATIONS

The J. V. Fletcher Library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (legal holidays excepted) from 1:30 till 5, and from 6:30 till 9:00 P. M.

The Nabnasset deposit station at the home of Mrs. Edgar S. Peterson is open Tuesday afternoon and evening.

The Forge Village deposit station at the post office in charge of Mrs. Josephine Connell is open daily.

New books of fiction can be kept only one week; but there may be one renewal. All other books may be kept four weeks. Renewals may be made by telephone or by postal.

No book shall be transferred, or acknowledged as returned, unless delivered to the librarian.

For each day that a book is kept beyond the prescribed time a fine of one cent is charged.

Borrowers finding books mutilated or defaced should report the fact to the librarian.

# LIST OF BOOKS ADDED, 1945

## CLASSIFIED BOOKS

Adamic, Louis—A nation of nations .....	325.73 A2
Aguirre, Jose A.—Escape via Berlin .....	946.6 A
Akeley, Mary L.—Carl Akeley's Africa .....	916.7 A1
Adams, Jas. T.—Album of American history, 1783-1853 .....	973 A
Anderson, Clarence W.—Heads up, heels down.....	636.1 A2
—A touch of greatness .....	636.1 A3
Anthony, Katharine—The Lambs, a story of pre-Victorian England .....	B L218.2
Archard, Theresa—G. I. Nightingale: story of an American army nurse .....	940.5476 A
Arne, Sigrid—United Nations primer .....	940.531 A
Baker, Louise M.—Party line .....	818 B3
Baker, Nina B.—Garibaldi .....	B G232.2
Baker, Ray S.—American chronicle, autobiography .....	B B169.1
Barbour, Thomas—A naturalist in Cuba .....	574.972 B
Barton, Betsey—And now to live again .....	615.851 B
Barzun, Jacques—Teacher in America .....	371.3 B
Beck, B. F. and Smedley, Doree—Honey and your health .....	638.16 B
Bell H. C. F.—Woodrow Wilson and the people .....	B W754.2
Benchley, Belle J.—My animal babies .....	591.5 B
Benet, Rosemary and Stephen V.—A book of Americans .....	811 B4
Bingham, Millicent T.—Ancestors' brocades; literary debut of Emily Dickinson .....	B D553.1
Bradshaw, Marion J.—The Maine land .....	917.41 B1
Briceno, Olga—Cocks and bulls in Caracas (Venezuela) .....	918.7 B
Bromfield, Louis—Pleasant Valley .....	630.1 B
Bulfinch, Thos.—A book of myths, ill. by Helen Sewell .....	292 B
Burgess, J. Tom—Knots, ties and splices .....	677.7 B
Busoni, Raffaello—Stanley's Africa .....	916.7 B2
Carmichael, John P., ed—My greatest day in baseball .....	796.357 C
Casey, Robert J.—Torpedo junction .....	940.545 C3
Chase, Stuart—Democracy under pressure .....	328.366 C
Clark, F. G. and Rimanoczy, R. S.—How we live .....	330 C
Coffin, Robert P. T.—Mainstays of Maine .....	917.41 C5
Coplan, Maxwell F.—Pink lemonade .....	791.3 C
Cott, Ted—Victor book of musical fun .....	780.7 C
Cox, Harold R. W.—Greenhorns in blue pastures .....	818 C1
Cox, Warren E.—Book of pottery and porcelain, 2 vol. ....	738 C
Current, biography, 1944; who's news and why .....	920 C2
Davis, Mary L.—We are Alaskans .....	917.98 D3
Day, Robert—All out for the sack race! .....	817 D8

Dickinson, Emily—Bolts of melody .....	811	D4
Dmitri, Ivan, pseud.—Flight to everywhere .....	940.548173	D
Dogherty, Marian A.—'Scusa me teacher .....	370.4	D
Dorrance, Anne—Green cargoes .....	581.9	D
Epsilon Sigma Alpha—Round-the-clock conservation hints .....	640	E1
Ernst, Morris L.—The best is yet .....	B	E718
Eskelund, Karl—My Chinese wife .....	B	E757
Fishback, Margaret—Look who's a mother! .....	136.7	F
Floherty, John J.—Flowing gold; romance of oil .....	665.5	F
Flower, Robin—The western island or the Great Blasket .....	914.196	F
Follett, Helen—Men of the Sulu sea .....	919.14	F
Ford, Edw, and others—Can you top this? .....	817	F
Forman, Harrison—Report from red China .....	951.042	F
Frye, Ralph B.—Uncle 'Lish .....	818	F-2
Gesell, Arnold L.—How a baby grows; a story in pictures .....	136.7	G
Gibblings, Robert—Lovely is the Lee .....	914.17	G
Gould, John—Farmer takes a wife .....	630.1	G2
Gunnison, Royal A.—So sorry, no peace .....	940.5472	G
Hackett, Alice P.—Fifty years of best sellers, 1895-1945 .....	655.473	H
Hager, Alice R.—Brazil, giant to the south .....	918.1	H
Hamlin, Helen—Nine Mile Bridge; 3 years in the Maine woods .....	917.41	H1
Hannum, Alberta P.—Spin a silver dollar .....	970.3	H
Harkness, Marjory G.—"A brook of your own" .....	333.33	H
Harlow, Alvin F.—Steelways of New England .....	656.2	H2
Harris, Wilson—Problems of the peace .....	940.5312	H
Hawkrigde, Emma—The wisdom tree .....	290	H
Henri, Raymond and others—U. S. marines on Iwo Jima .....	940.542	H2
Hooper, Alfred—River mathematics .....	510	H2
Hubbard, Freeman H.—Railroad Avenue .....	385	H
Ickis, Marguerite—Pastimes for the patient .....	680	I
James, Marquis—The Cherokee strip .....	B	J285
Jewell, Norman L.—Secret mission submarine .....	940.545	J3
Johnstone, Burton K. and others—Building or buying a house .....	728	J
Jordan, D. F. and Willett, E. F.—Spend wisely and grow rich .....	332	J
Kaempffert, Waldemar—Science today and tomorrow .....	500	K
Kane, Harnett T.—Plantation parade .....	976.3	K
Kopf, Carl H.—Personal crisis .....	248	K
Korson, George G.—At his side; story of Red Cross overseas .....	940.54771	K
Lattimore, Owen—Solution in Asia .....	950	L
Leeming, Joseph—Brave ships of World War II .....	940.545	L
Leyson, Burr W.—Plastics in the world of tomorrow .....	668.4	L

Loewenstein, Prince—The child and the emperor .....	232.99	L
Lucas, Jannette M.—Indian harvest, wild food plants of America .....	581.63	L
McCarthy, James R.—Rings through the ages .....	391.7	M
McDonald, Betty—The egg and I .....	630.1	M2
MacKay, Ruth—Money without men; guide to feminine finance	332	M
McKenny, Margaret and Johnston, E. F.— Book of wayside fruits .....	582	M1
Maguire, Jean S.—Beside the point .....	818	M2
Maril, Lee—Crack and crunch; nuts in fact and fancy .....	634.5	M
Marlowe, George F.—Coaching roads of old New England ....	917.4	M2
Masefield, John—New chum .....	B	M396
Masters, Edgar Lee—Spoon River anthology .....	811	M
Mauldin, Bill—Up front .....	940.5497	M
Metropolitan Museum of Art, N. Y.—Masterpieces in color ....	759	M1
Miller, Henry W.—All our lives; Alice Duer Miller .....	B	M647
Miller, Margery—Joe Louis: American .....	B	L8887
Morris, Percy A.—They hop and crawl .....	598.1	M
Musselman, Morris M.—Wheels in his head; father and his inventions .....	818	M3
Nehru, Krishna—With no regrets .....	B	N396
Noble, Ruth C.—Nature of the beast .....	591.5	N
OBrien, J. J. and M. W.—How to run a lathe .....	621.94	O
O'Neill, John J.—Prodigal genius; life of Nikola Tesla .....	B	T338
Orcutt, Reginald—Merchant of alphabets .....	B	O645
Papashvily, George and Helen W.—Anything can happen .....	B	P213
Parsons, Robert P.—Mob 3, a naval hospital in a south sea jungle .....	940.5476	P
Parton, Margaret—Laughter on the hill .....	818	P6
Pearson, Haydn S.—Country flavor .....	630.1	P
Poling, Daniel A.—Your daddy did not die .....	B	P769
Poor, Henry V.—An artist sees Alaska .....	917.98	P3
Post, Emily—Etiquette, rev. ed. ....	395	P
Pratt, George K.—Soldier to civilian .....	355.115	P
Putnam, Carleton—High journey; decade of an air line pioneer .....	387.7	P
Rama Rau, Santha—Home to India .....	915.4	R
Ratcliff, John D.—Yellow magic, story of penicillin .....	615.329	R
Robertson, Archibald T.—Slow train to yesterday .....	385	R
Robeson, Eslanda C.—African journey .....	916	R
Scott, Louise H.—Income management for women .....	339.4	S
Service, Robert—Ploughman of the moon .....	B	S491
Shankle, George E.—Current abbreviations .....	421.8	S
Shipton, Clifford K.—Roger Conant, a founder of Massachusetts .....	B	C7438

Simon, Charlie May—Straw in the sun .....	B S594
Singer, Kurt D.—Spies and traitors of World War II .....	940.5485 S1
Sloan, Laurence H.—Post-war savings and investments .....	332 S
Snow, Edgar—People on our side .....	940.5481 S
Snow, Edward Rowe—Cruising the Massachusetts coast .....	974.4 S1
Stefansson, Evelyn—Within the circle; portrait of the Arctic .....	919.8 S4
Stegner, Wallace E and editors of Look—One nation .....	325.73 S
Steincrohn, Peter J.—Forget your age! .....	613 S
Stevens, Edmund—Russia is no riddle .....	947.084 S
Stevens, William O.—Unbidden guests; a book of real ghosts .....	133.1 S
Stewart, George R.—Names on the land .....	929.4 S
Stiles, Dan—Land of enchantment; Penobscot Bay— Mount Desert region of Maine .....	917.41 S1
Storrs, Christopher E.—Many creeds, one cross .....	290 S
Teale, Edwin W.—The lost woods, adventures of a naturalist .....	574 T
Tolischus, Otto D., ed.—Through Japanese eyes .....	952.033 T
Trumbull Robert O.—Siversides .....	940.5451 T
Tryon, Lewis R.—Poor man's doctor .....	B T875
Tyler, Kingdon S.—Modern radio .....	621.384 T
Ukers, William H.—All about coffee .....	663.9 U
Wagenknecht, Edward C., ed.—Fireside book of Christmas stories .....	394.268 CW
Webster, Clarence M.—Town meeting country .....	917.4 W2
Welles, Sumner, ed.—An intelligent American's guide to the peace .....	910 W3
Wells, Zetta and Carveth—Raffles; the bird who thinks he is a person .....	598.8 W1
Westinghouse Air Brake Co.—75th anniversary .....	656.2 W1
Wheaton, Helen—Prekaska's wife; a year in the Aleutians .....	917.98 W4
Whipple, Maurine—This is the place: Utah .....	917.92 W
White, Osmar—Green armor .....	940.542 W1
Willison, Geo. F.—Saints and strangers (the Pilgrim fathers) .....	974.4 W
Wilson, Charles M., ed.—New crops for the new world .....	630.97 W
Wolfe, Linnie M.—Son of the wilderness—John Muir .....	B M 953.1
Wood, Clement—Your dreams and what they mean .....	135 W
Yost, Edna—Normal lives for the disabled .....	331.59 Y

## FICTION

Abbott, Jane L.—Yours for the asking .....	A 132.2
Allingham, Margery—Pearls before swine .....	A 437.4
Allis, Marguerite—Charity Strong .....	A 438.5
Almedingen, Martha E.—Dasha .....	A 447.3
Andrews, Robert H.—Burning gold .....	A 569.2

Ashton, Helen—Yeoman's hospital .....	A 829.3
Bailey, Henry C.—The wrong man .....	B 155.5
Bailey, Temple—Red fruit .....	B 156.21
Baldwin, Faith—Arizona star .....	B 181.9
—A job for Jenny .....	B 181.10
Barber, Willetta A. and Schabelitz, R. F.—	
The noose is drawn .....	B 234.2
Bassett, Sara W.—Silver moon cottage .....	B 319.21
Blake, Dorothy, pseud.—It's all in the family .....	B 6362.3
Brand, Max—The stolen stallion .....	B 817.8
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## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD

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### Town Clerk

Charles L. Hildreth .....Term expires February, 1948

### Selectmen

Cyril A. Blaney, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1947

Arthur L. Healy, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1948

Edward F. Harrington .....Term expires February, 1949

### Assessors

Victor B. Daly, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1947

Edward F. Harrington, ..... Resigned April 15, 1946

Term would have expired February 1947

Samuel A. Fletcher .....Term expires February, 1948

John J. O'Connell, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1949

### Board of Public Welfare

William L. Wall, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1947

Samuel A. Richards, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1948

Reginald Blowey .....Term expires February, 1949

### Treasurer

Charlotte P. Greig .....Term expires February, 1947

### Collector of Taxes

David I. Olsson .....Term expires February, 1947

### Moderator

Ben W. Drew .....Term expires February, 1947

### Constable

John F. Sullivan .....Term expires February, 1947

### **School Committee**

Robert M. Hunter .....Term expires February, 1947  
F. Stanley Smith, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1947  
William J. Kelly .....Term expires February, 1948  
H. Arnold Wilder .....Term expires February, 1948  
Frederick W. Gatenby, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1949  
Edgar S. Peterson .....Term expires February, 1949

### **Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library**

Alice M. Howard, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1947  
William R. Taylor .....Term expires February, 1948  
William C. Roudenbush, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1949

### **Librarian**

May E. Day

### **Board of Cemetery Commissioners**

Sebastian B. Watson, Chairman .....Term expires February, 1947  
Fred R. Blodgett, Secretary .....Term expires February, 1948  
Axel G. Lundberg .....Term expires February, 1949

### **Board of Health**

Ralph E. Cole, M. D.....Term expires February, 1947  
Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Secretary.....Term expires February, 1948  
Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., Chairman .....Term expires February, 1949

### **Agents of Board of Health**

Albert A. Hildreth, Agent

Dorothy A. Healy, R. N., Agent, Public Health Nurse and Collector of  
Samples, Milk Inspector

Charles L. Hildreth, Agent to issue Burial Permits

Cyril A. Blaney, M. D., Inspector of Dairies

Charles A. Blodgett, Inspector of Slaughtering

### **Tree Warden and Superintendent of Moth Department**

Harry L. Nesmith

## Director for Demonstration Work in Agriculture and Home Economics

Mabel M. Nixon

### Finance Committee

Herford N. Elliott .....Term expires March 1, 1947  
Everett A. Scott .....Term expires March 1, 1947  
John Shea, Jr. ....Term expires March 1, 1948  
Albert G. Forty .....Term expires March 1, 1948  
E. Kent Allen .....Term expires March 1, 1949  
W. Otis Day .....Term expires March 1, 1949

### Committee in Charge of Whitney Playground

Charles L. Hildreth                      John Fisher                      Morris A. Hall

### Special Town Forest Committee

Edwin H. Gould .....Term expires March, 1947  
Fred R. Blodgett .....Term expires March, 1948  
William E. Wright .....Term expires March 1949

### Registrars of Voters

Paul L. Dunigan .....Term expires March 31, 1947  
James J. McKniff .....Term expires March 31, 1948  
Norman E. Day .....Term expires March 31, 1949  
Charles L. Hildreth, Clerk Ex-Officio

### Precinct Officers

Precinct 1.—Warden, Alonzo H. Sutherland (R); Deputy Warden, Fisher Buckshorn (R); Clerk, Robert J. Spinner (D); Deputy Clerk, Edward T. Sullivan (D); Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson (R); Morris A. Hall (R); Leo C. McDonald (D); Henry E. Gamage (D); Deputy Inspectors, Albert A. Hildreth (R); Howard H. Ferguson (R); Edward L. Dailey (D); Max D. Gaebler (D).

Precinct 2.—Warden, Frank P. Shugrue (D); Deputy Warden, Clifford G. Carpentier (D); Clerk, Alfred T. W. Prinn (R); Deputy Clerk, William L. Wall (R); Inspectors, Charles A. Blodgett (R); Roy E. Blanchard (R); John E. Connolly (D); John W. Spinner (D); Deputy Inspectors, Walter N. Fletcher (R); Howard V. Anderson (R); Raymond A. Wall (D); Louis F. Oliver (D).

Precinct 3.—Warden Richard McGlinchey (D); Deputy Warden, Nicholas V. Basinas (D); Clerk, Harlan E. Knowlton (R); Deputy Clerk, William W. Gilson (R); Inspectors, Swan G. Swanson (R); Julia E. Knowlton (R); Eileen R. McGlinchey (D); Joseph N. Mathieu (D); Deputy Inspectors, Umberto P. Colarusso (R); Alice E. Whitcomb (R); John A. Eliason (D); Fred Shugrue (D).

Precinct 4.—Warden, Leo J. Connell (D); Deputy Warden, John M. Mulligan (D); Clerk, Robert J. Orr (R); Deputy Clerk, Leslie N. Athorn (R); Inspectors, James Kelly, Jr. (D); Donald E. Courchaine (D); Reginald Blowey (R); Alderic Cantara (R); Deputy Inspectors, Richard Lyons (D); Albert F. Hobson (D); Arthur T. Greenslade (R); Albert E. Mountain (R).

Note—(R) Republican; (D) Democrat.

#### Chief of Police

John F. Sullivan

#### Regular Police Officer

John L. Connell

#### Dog Officers

John F. Sullivan

John L. Connell

#### Special Police Officers

Arthur A. Abbood	Wilfred Gelinas	John O'Neill
John J. Barretto	Winslow P. George	Robert J. Orr
Gregory G. Beskalo, Jr.	George Gervais	Edmund F. Pendlebury
Elmer P. Brown	J. Austin Healy	W. Arthur Perrins
Edw. C. Buckingham	Donald Holt	Amos B. Polley
Lawrence J. Charlton	Ralph J. Hulslander	Uldege Ricard
Leo J. Connell	Lester J. Liddle	Edmund D. Rogers
John E. Connolly	David Lord	Winthrop W. Sargent
Arthur F. Daly	Thomas McGrath	Robert J. Spinner
Arthur J. Deforge	Everett E. Miller	Edward J. St. Onge
Charles E. Dudevair	John J. O'Connell	William L. Wall
Charles Flanagan	Louis F. Oliver	Frank A. Wright

#### Police Woman

Dorothy A. Healy, R. N.

**Superintendent of Streets**

**J. Austin Healy**

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

**Albert A. Hildreth**

**Inspector of Animals**

Amos B. Polley .....Resigned March 19, 1946

Charles A. Blodgett .....Appointed March 19, 1946

**Inspector of Buildings**

**Edmund D. Rogers**

**Forest Warden**

**Leo R. Larkin**

**Deputies Appointed by the Forest Warden**

Reginald Blowey	Richard W. Hall	Edmund D. Rogers
Thomas Curley	F. Everett Miller	Robert J. Spinner
Austin D. Fletcher	Hubert V. Raymond	Harold E. Wright

**Engineers of the Fire Department**

Richard W. Hall, Clerk	Edmund D. Rogers, Chief
Harold E. Wright, Assistant Chief	

**Town Accountant and Clerk of Board of Selectmen**

**Genevieve A. Healy**

**Soldiers' Relief Agent**

**Genevieve A. Healy**

**Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors**

**Arthur T. Greenslade**

**Superintendent of Westford Infirmary**

Leo J. Connell

**Keeper of the Lockup**

Leo J. Connell

**Town Fish and Game Warden**

Edmund L. Provost

**Janitor of Town House**

Frank A. Wright

**Janitor of Library Building**

Frank A. Wright

**Caretaker of Common**

George E. St. Onge

**Town Counsel**

Edward L. Monahan

**Fence Viewers**

Charles A. Blodgett

Marden H. Seavey

Edwin H. Gould

**Field Drivers**

Morris Doucette

Peter Sechovich

Irvan V. Whitney

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

Charles A. Blodgett

Edwin H. Gould

J. Austin Healy

Fred W. Burnham

Isaac L. Hall

Edmund L. Provost

Charles Freeman

P. Henry Harrington

### **Weighers of General Commodities**

Edw. C. Buckingham	J. Austin Healy	Richard K. Healy
Kenneth Dunn	J. Austin Healy, Jr.	John Shea Jr.
Arthur L. Healy	James L. Healy	Harold Stewart

### **Weighers of Granite for H. E. Fletcher Co.**

Kenneth Andrews	Florence Manning	Gertrude Tucker
John H. Gantzel	Luzern Safford	Elizabeth A. Walsh
Rudolph Haberman, Jr.	Edna Taylor	

### **Weighers of Textile Commodities**

Marjorie E. Abreu	Clara E. Emslie	Ellen A. Oldham
Arthur J. Barker	Edith Hairnsworth	Robert J. Orr, Jr.
Albert J. Burne	Eleanor Haley	Arline Plouffe
Edwin L. Burne	George Haley	William E. Robinson
J. Clarence Burne	Nellie Hartley	Winthrop W. Sargent
Vivian Charlton	James Hobson	George Sedach
Theresa Chateaufneuf	Clifford Jones	John Shackleton
Edith E. Costello	Fred Martin	Blanche Sienkiewicz
Annie Daly	Elizabeth A. May	Lillian S. Walsh
Victor B. Daly	Edward F. McLenna	Josephine Woitowicz
Grace DeCarteret	Lester A. McLenna	Stanley Zarnowski
William Donnelly	Michael T. Moss crop	

### **Assistant Town Clerk**

Alice A. Hildreth

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NOTE.—The law requires that certain officers, including Measurers and Weighers, in order to qualify as such officers, be sworn in, and a record of their oath be filed with the Town Clerk.

## BIRTHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford—1946

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
June 20	Alcorn, Carol Anne	C. Arthur and Agnes (Smith)
Aug. 24	Andrews, Evelyn Patricia	Albert F. and Evelyn P. (Aubrey)
Feb. 26	Athorn, Ronald William	George and Gertrude M. (Baker)
Feb. 5	Baker, Thomas Lee	Edwin L. and Isabel E. (Newton)
July 17	Baxendale, Elaine Mary	George E. and Pauline E. (Stephens)
May 27	Benkoski	Ernest F. and Florence M. (Succo)
July 1	Benoit, Barbara Jean	Agibe J. and Orea G. (Lamy)
Oct. 19	Bettencourt, Richard Swanson	Ralph A. and Vera E. (Swanson)
Oct. 19	Bettencourt, William Ralph	Ralph A. and Vera E. (Swanson)
July 17	Blanchard, Carol Ann	Leon P. and Margaret M. (Brule)
Oct. 28	Bohenko, Richard Anthony	Anthony R. and Rita M. (Gevry)
Oct. 13	Bouchard, Jacqueline Cecile	Joseph T. and Eva (Boucher)
May 5	Brule, Sylvio Joseph	Edmond and Eva (Lamy)
Apr. 15	Byron, Daniel Ralph	Edward J. and Valentine (Milot)
Sept. 14	Caron, Bonnie Irene	Raoul L. and Adna I. (Comey)
Aug. 16	Cavanaugh, Paul Norman	Norman C. and Rena (Labby)
Sept. 29	Cooney, Kathleen Ann	Arthur J. and Rose A (Ryan)
Oct. 28	Dane, Janice Marilyn	Walter F. and Ana E. (Nebes)
June 6	Davis, Phyllis Gay	Lawrence S. and Dorothy P. (Fecteau)
Dec. 30	Deforge, John Allen	Arthur J. and Eva A. (Johnson)
Oct. 29	Dixon, George Richard	George R. and Agnes W. (Rhodes)
Feb. 16	Dubey, Audrey Lee	James J. and Marilyn E. (MacArthur)
Mar. 14	Dubey, Priscilla Dianne	Lawrence E. and Grace E. (Robinson)
Nov. 28	Dunn, Bette Ann	Kenneth and Marjorie R. (Stockwell)
July 4	Ellison, Mary Jane	Jacob E. and Olga M. (Szylvain)
Sept. 5	Emslie, Dorothy Elizabeth	James C. Jr. and Clara E. (Athorn)
Mar. 9	Fitzpatrick, Michael Karl	Frederick J. and Lois E. (Hanson)
Sept. 3	Gagnon, Judith Ann	Lester J. and Irene J. (Langley)
Jan. 19	Gatewood, Margaret Lee	Leonard L. and Oralea S. (Rasmussen)
Nov. 18	Gelinas, John Hervey	Hervey J. and Angeline (Boisvert)
Nov. 8	Gelinas, Lorraine Claire	Fernand R. and Claire M. (Cote)
Nov. 4	Gelinas, Rita Claudia	Armand H. and Claire M. (Lecourt)
Sept. 12	Grenier, Joseph Patrick	Armand J. and Jane P. (Fitzpatrick)
Oct. 14	Hagestad, Susan Hope	Jack F. and Charlotte (Cooney)
July 24	Hall, Cynthia Jean	David K. and Marilyn J. (Fenton)
Sept. 6	Healy, Nancy Margaret	James L. and Cecilia A. (Ward)
July 27	Holmes, Daniel Walter	Arthur and Jeanette E. (Leduc)
Feb. 28	Johnson, Van Bradford	Harry C. and Dorothy (Gagnon)

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
Oct. 4	Jones, Ralston Permas	Ralston P. and Patricia (Manulla)
Oct. 4	Jones, Susan Kathleen	Robert A. and Ernestine (Poulin)
July 2	Koravos, David	Vincent and Caroline (Kus)
July 20	Kosowicz, Francis	Stanley M. and Mildred H. (Lavigne)
Nov. 24	Labbe, William Francis	Herve R. and Ruth (Mitchell)
June 20	Lamy, Larry Lance	Henry J. and Nell G. (Whittemore)
Oct. 31	Lamy, Rene Raymond	Roland N. and Renette (Lamothe)
Dec. 4	Lavigne, Sarah Jane	Francis J. and Philomens (Moreno)
June 4	LeDuke, George Russell	William H. and Alice M. (Trahan)
Nov. 29	Leedburg, Joann	Waldo S. and Margaret K. (Hogan)
Oct. 26	Lessard, Mary Shirley	Louis P. and Lillian (Boucher)
Dec. 27	MacMillan, Patricia Ann	William C. and Rena F. (Cote)
Apr. 3	MacMillan, Susan Ann	John S. and Mildred M. (Milot)
Mar. 3	Mainville, Lucille Marie	Leo J. and Claire M. (Lambert)
Nov. 16	Mann, Charles Edgar Jr.	Charles E. and Dorothy I. (Morgan)
Dec. 8	Martin, Matthew Cole	Arthur B. and Maudie (Merian)
May 20	McArthur, Robert James	William A. and Sarah A. (Perkins)
Jan. 27	McLenna, Francis Vaughn	Edward F. and Anne (Sudak)
Nov. 25	McMahon Margaret Ann	Martin E. and Catherine T. (May)
Aug. 5	Menard, Margaret Therese	Roger J. and Germaine (Nadeau)
May 24	Moore, Cheryl Ann	Robert T. and Mildred E. (Weston)
July 31	Mossdrop, Kathleen	Michael T. and Mary F. (Kavanagh)
Sept. 2	Mountain, Linda Lee	Walter E. and Edith I. (Wright)
July 4	Mungovan, Patricia Ellen	James W. P. and Marie J. (Parmentier)
Oct. 20	Neal, Richard	Donald E. and Eleanor S. (White)
July 12	Ordway, Helen Louise	Ronald F. and Nora M. (Gagnon)
Feb. 16	Peterson, Gregory Ernest	Edgar S. and Phyllis M. (Haynes)
Oct. 8	Peterson, Ann Elinore	Ernest S. and Mildred L. (Fife)
Oct. 21	Pidcoe, Charles Lawrence	Charles L. and Gertrude C. (Smith)
Oct. 31	Pomerleau, Suzanne Dorothy	Arthur and Dorothy (Gagnon)
Dec. 12	Raymond, Jean Marguerite	Hubert V. and Regina (Healy)
July 20	Ricard, Catherine Josephine	Uldege and Dorothy M. (Golla)
Oct. 11	Ricard, Mary Theresa Anna	Viateur A. and Anita (Milot)
Oct. 13	Ricciardi, Terri Karlene	Karl S. and Thyra E. (Nelson)
Jan. 25	Saraceni, Frank	Antonio and Susan (Saraceni)
July 1	Scott, Bruce Everett	Everett A. and Lillian M. (Hunt)
Aug. 21	Secovich, Susan Carol	George and Ernestine (Martinez)
Apr. 22	Shanahan, Walter Timothy	Walter F. and Mary C. (Leduc)
Sept. 18	Stirk, Philip Norman	Norman C. and Joyce R. (Hanson)
Aug. 26	St Onge, Jeanne Louise	George E. and Jeanne E. (Fortier)
Aug. 27	St Onge, Karen Elizabeth	Joseph E. and Josephine R. (Mardas)
Aug. 27	St Onge, Pamela Ann	Joseph E. and Josephine R. (Mardas)

Date of Birth	NAME	PARENTS
May 8	Sudak, Michael Palmer	Constantine and Elizabeth A. (Palmer)
Feb. 27	Szylvian, Margaret	Alphonse J. and Vera M. (O'Hara)
Jan. 23	Targ, John Stanley	Theodore J. and Julia J. (Wilk)
Nov. 11	Taylor, Beverly Ann	Robert E. and Isabel (Popolizio)
Aug. 8	Tellier, Gabrielle Anne	Louis F. G. and Cecile (Ouellette)
Sept. 8	Valcourt, Dennis Albert	Eugene J. and Adrienne (Gervais)
Nov. 21	Urbaniak, Janice Sharyn	John A. and Phyllis S. (Kimball)
Sept. 14	VanTassell, Lawrence James	Roger and Helen (Wilson)
Apr. 17	Wasileuskas, Jon Roland	Joseph W. and Mildred C. (Leclerc)
Jan. 24	Wilder, Gary Bernard	Bernard M. and Chrystalbelle G. (Weaver)
Nov. 27	Wilson, Virginia Elizabeth	Raymond S. and Alice E. (Vickers)
July 24	Woodard, Thomas Norman	Wilfrid H. and Ruth L. (Norman)
Oct. 4	Zelukiewicz, John Wayne	John J. and Rena A. (Lamy)

Total Number Recorded—Males 41; Females 54; Total 95

## MARRIAGES

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford—1946

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
July 7	Adams, Walter Luther	24	Medina, N. Y.	Medina, N. Y.
	Thompson, Winifred Ellen	24	Westford	Westford
Sept. 7	Adgate, Frederick William	21	Revere	Revere
	Kelly, Margaret Mary	22	Westford	Westford
Sept. 1	Autino, Mario Julio	23	Ayer	Ayer
	Milot, Doris Maria	20	Westford	Westford
Dec. 14	Baker, Frederick Orion	38	Westford	Westford
	Kiernan, Margaret	36	Westford	Ireland
Nov. 23	Baril, Joseph Henry	23	Woonsocket, R. I.	Woonsocket, R. I.
	Lamy, Simone Claire	24	Westford	Westford
June 30	Barry, Gerard George	25	Lowell	Lowell
	Charlton, Vivian Agnes	24	Westford	Westford
June 23	Beaver, John	34	Wilton, N. H.	England
	Flanagan, Orlena Agnes	31	Westford	Westford
Feb. 2	Bechard, Wallace John	27	Westford	Westford
	Labbe, Della Cecile	24	Westford	Westford
Mar. 9	Beebe, Edward Ellsworth	21	Westford	Westford
	Schill, Virginia	21	Westford	Cambridge
June 21	Bell, Robert Haldan	27	Westford	Westford
	Sleeper, Lucy Eleanor	18	Lowell	Dracut
Dec. 14	Bemben, John	32	Agawam	Hadley
	Rice, Bernice Evelyn (Hall)	33	Westford	Westford
June 30	Bobryk, Peter	27	Westford	Westford
	Kazura, Viola	22	Lawrence	Lowell
Sept. 7	Bosley, Frederick Ernest	28	Leonia, N. J.	Leonia, N. J.
	Tuttle, Gertrude Agnes	29	Westford	Lowell
July 10	Brisson, Arthur William 2nd	21	Westford	Westford
	Marion, Rose Lucille	17	Westford	Fitchburg
June 1	Brown, Richard Warren	25	Littleton	Concord
	Wright, Priscilla Evelyn	20	Westford	Somerville
July 31	Bubeschko, George	29	Westford	Groton
	Kemp, Dorothy Evelyn	37	Billerica	Billerica
Feb. 9	Cavanaugh, George Llewellyn	39	Westford	Pawtucket, R. I.
	Rice, Hazel Viola (Haskell)	36	Westford	Pawtucket, R. I.
Feb. 16	Coman, Douglas Bennett	23	Sherburne, N. Y.	W. Burlington, N. Y.
	Chandler, Marjorie Ellsworth	22	Westford	Lowell
June 8	Connell, Earl Joseph	28	Westford	Westford
	Pietras, Annie Victoria	24	Groton	Groton
Aug. 10	Connell, Frederick	23	Westford	Westford
	Tandus, Helen Mary	20	Westford	Westford

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
June 15	Connell, George Edward	26	Chelmsford	Westford
	Charlton, Frances Caroline	23	Westford	Westford
Nov. 16	Connell, Philip Raymond	25	Westford	Westford
	Lewkowicz, Josephine Mary	20	Westford	Westford
Jan. 5	Cooney, Arthur John	24	Westford	England
	Ryan, Rose Agatha	22	Malden	Malden
Aug. 31	Crocker, Alan Newell	21	Westford	Westford
	Barnes, Shirley Vera	22	Lowell	Lowell
Dec. 21	Decato Herbert C.	24	Westford	Billerica
	Litchfield, Berle G.	19	Wells, Me.	Farmington, Me.
May 30	DeGagne, Louis Edward	27	Westford	Westford
	Perry, Jane Frances	28	Bourne	Plymouth
July 13	Dimond, Francis Joseph Jr.	23	Ocean City, N. J.	Philadelphia, Pa.
	Lord, Elizabeth Helen	23	Westford	Westford
June 1	Duggan, James Henry	25	Lowell	Lowell
	Labbe, Florence Yvette	21	Westford	Westford
June 15	Ellison, Frederick Hazen	35	Westford	Westford
	York, Bernice Mona	33	Westford	Westford
July 28	Flanagan, Charles	26	Westford	Westford
	Langlois, Doris Columbe	22	Tyngsboro	Chelmsford
July 15	Fletcher, Walter Whidden Jr.	22	Westford	Lowell
	Cockerline, Dorothy May	20	Lowell	Lowell
July 14	Forty, Albert Hollingsworth	23	Westford	Lowell
	Hanson, Grace Gwendlyn	23	Westford	Westford
Nov. 10	Forty, Archer George	25	Westford	Lowell
	Wright, Estella May	23	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
Oct. 12	Gagnon, Alfred Joseph Jr.	20	Westford	Westford
	Pellerin, Gladys Rolande	19	Westford	Leominster
Oct. 5	Gelarderes, Nicholas	24	Lowell	Lowell
	Rioux, Rita Florence	20	Westford	Westford
Aug. 24	Godfroy, Roger Rosaire	28	Lowell	Lowell
	Brule, Theresa Bertha	20	Westford	Westford
Feb. 22	Haberman, Ralph Gustave Jr.	25	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
	Gilson, Phyllis Evelyn	21	Westford	Lowell
Apr. 21	Healy, John Austin III	26	Westford	Westford
	Smith, Louise Madeline	28	Westford	Lawrence
Nov. 16	Healy, Richard Kenneth	24	Westford	Westford
	O'Toole, Margaret Theresa	20	Clinton	Clinton
July 27	Heighes, Clifford	20	Westford	Palmer, Mich.
	Hird, Gertrude Eileen	20	Westford	Westford
Jan. 19	Hunter, Robert Allen	23	Westford	Holyoke
	Hutchinson, Ruby Rae	23	Westford	Woburn

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
July 7	Kazeniak, Herbert Peter	25	Westford	Westford
	Latham, Marjorie Laura	23	Lowell	Lowell
Sept. 7	Kierstead, Charles William	19	Westford	Everett
	LeRiche, Mary Therese	18	Lowell	Lowell
July 27	Kopiec, John Joseph	22	Westford	Wellesley
	Wilkins, Myra Margaret	20	Westford	New York, N. Y.
Nov. 24	Laforge, Joseph Phillip	22	Lowell	Lowell
	Langley, Claire	20	Westford	Tyngsboro
Oct 26	Lavigne, Frank	42	Lowell	Lowell
	Bresse, Ida Mary (Gagnon)	26	Westford	Westford
July 7	Legree, William Joseph Jr.	24	Ayer	Shirley
	Cote, Jacqueline Mary	21	Westford	Westford
Nov. 22	Leonard, John Richard Jr.	28	Westford	Boston
	Talbert, Marie Victoria (Cote)	34	Ayer	Ayer
Jan. 12	Lewkowicz, James	26	Westford	Westford
	Silmann, Blanche	25	Westford	Austria
May 19	Lord, Wendell Arthur	36	Leominster	Leominster
	Robinson, Hazel Irene (Thompson)	35	Westford	Westford
Mar. 16	Mack, Walter Elwood	35	Westford	Methuen
	Palmer, Martha Eaton	32	Groton	Groton
Oct. 12	Marranzino, William Antonio	28	Fitchburg	Fitchburg
	Morton, Blanche Eva	24	Westford	Westford
Sept. 8	Martin, Julian George	21	Westford	Westford
	Casey, Mary Agnes	23	Tewksbury	Tewksbury
July 27	Menard, Lucien Joseph	22	Westford	Canada
	Bedard, Irene Jeannette	18	Westford	Rochester, N. H.
July 27	Menard, Raoul Joseph	21	Westford	Canada
	Bedard, Theresa Georgette	20	Westford	Fall River
Dec. 31	Milot, Charles Edward Jr.	19	Westford	Westford
	Urbanek, Blanche Theresa	24	Chelmsford	Lowell
Nov. 28	Milot, Ovila Antonio	24	Westford	Westford
	Chretien, Therese Rita	19	Lowell	Lowell
Oct. 20	Nichols, George Joseph	30	Westford	Woodstock, Vt.
	Taglini, Anne Catherine	29	Somerville	Somerville
June 27	O'Connell, David Matthew	28	Westford	Westford
	Callahan, Mary Frances	25	Lowell	Lowell
Mar. 5	O'Flaherty, Francis Peter	34	Medford	Charlestown
	Spinner, Mary Jacqueline	29	Westford	Somerville
Nov. 5	Oliver, James Joseph	26	Westford	Westford
	Mercier, Pauline Loretta	22	Lowell	Lowell
July 27	Oliver, Louis Francis	33	Westford	Westford
	Coughlin, Shirley Mae	27	Lowell	Stamford, Conn.

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME	AGE	RESIDENCE	BIRTHPLACE
Dec. 3	Orr, Robert Joseph	23	Westford	Westford
	Soucie, Corinne Cecile	26	Lowell	Lowell
Mar. 30	Parkhurst, George Adams	32	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
	Hildreth, Barbara Huntington	25	Westford	Orono, Me.
Sept. 8	Porter, Kenneth Herbert	24	Tyngsboro	Boston
	Williams, Sharlee June	21	Westford	Chicago, Ill.
May 26	Rafferty, Leo Bernard	25	Lowell	Chelmsford
	Tousignant, Anita Lillian	23	Westford	Westford
Apr. 21	Roscoe, Charles	28	Westford	Lawrence
	Sosnowski, Josephine Mary	27	Westford	Westford
Mar. 30	Ross, August Philip	26	Shirley	Shirley
	Gagnon, Louise May	22	Westford	Westford
June 16	Simmons, Donald Francis	24	Medford	Medford
	Koning, Lillian Marie	23	Westford	Medford
Oct. 5	Smith, Harry Vincent	25	Westford	Lawrence
	Fitzpatrick, Mary Elizabeth	24	Westford	Westford
Aug. 31	Stepinski, Frank John	26	Westford	Westford
	McKinley, Margaret Isabel	27	Lowell	Lowell
Jan. 19	Taylor, Robert Earle	26	Westford	Lowell
	Popolizio, Isabel Rita	20	Westford	Westford
Nov. 23	TenHuisen, Harold Jerome	24	Clymer, N. Y.	Clymer, N. Y.
	Worobey, Annie	27	Westford	Westford
July 6	Therrien, Roland Raoul	23	Lowell	Lowell
	LaSalle, Gabrielle	27	Westford	Canada
Nov. 7	Thompson, Ronald Fraser	23	Westford	Canada
	Wood, Mary Agnes	19	Westford	Westford
June 30	Tuttle, Roger Niles	22	Westford	Lowell
	Perkins, Shirley Irene	22	Westford	Lowell
July 27	Vaughn, Wilbert Louis Jr.	22	Boston	Tacoma, Wash.
	Tucker, Enid Flora	20	Westford	Chelsea
Sept. 2	Wark, Jay Donald	41	Westford	Lyndonville, Vt.
	O'Brien, Mary Louise	31	New York, N.Y.	Upper Red Hook, N. Y.
Nov. 23	Walker, James Newell	25	Shirley	Facklar, Ala
	Parmentier, Lucille Doris	21	Westford	Lowell
Nov. 16	Walsh, John Joseph	25	Lowell	Lowell
	Holmes, Mary Rita	22	Westford	Westford
Feb. 23	Wilson, Warren	25	Westford	Lowell
	Fugere, Marie Stella Jeannette	20	Lowell	Lowell
July 19	Winning, John Nicholson	28	Medford	Somerville
	Anderson, Dorothy Baldus	30	Westford	Somerville

Total Number Recorded, 82

## DEATHS

Recorded by the Town Clerk of Westford—1946

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Mar. 18	Benson, Charles—husband of Alma M. Johnson	84	4	21
June 9	Book, Wilford M.—husband of Caroline Hall	46	6	23
Mar. 21	Britko, Jacob—husband of Julia Poznak	56	—	—
Nov. 25	Brittain, Gordon J.—husband of Josephine Kasuilinos	35	—	7
Dec. 29	Bunce Lewis	76	1	27
Oct. 17	Butko, George—husband of Annie Krivitz	59	6	3
June 26	Callaway, Edward—husband of Helen Ambrose	33	—	—
June 26	Callaway, Edward Jr.	5	—	—
June 11	Cameron, Allan Jr.	72	2	5
Oct. 21	Conroy, Mary Agnes	61	8	21
Feb. 27	Dick, Samuel A.—Ethel M.	64	—	—
June 21	Eastman, Charles H.	77	3	15
Dec. 7	Eastman, Henry French	86	1	2
June 9	Evans, Leo F.—husband of Mae F. Handley	56	—	—
May 6	Foster, Jessie Maude (Balsor—wife of Madison A.)	68	7	7
Oct. 30	Gilson, Alice Mary (Garrett)	75	10	—
Oct. 12	Gregoire, George Arthur—husband of Bertha Perigny	33	8	12
Apr. 26	Hagberg, Charlotte Almeda	76	10	9
Jan. 17	Harvey, Edward Parlaman	87	9	20
Dec. 24	Hosmer, William Edward—husband of Jane Bennett	72	2	20
Oct. 4	Hunt, William Thomas Arthur—husband of Elizabeth Whigham	70	1	—
Feb. 3	Jewett, Wesley Kenneth	—	3	27
Sept. 17	Johnson, Malcolm—husband of Matilda Lind	85	11	17
Oct. 4	Lamy, Prosper J.—husband of Antoinette Pellerin	52	1	29
July 9	Lavalley, Myrtle—wife of Francis	44	10	9
Jan. 7	Leonard, Catherine F. (Baldwin)—wife of John R.	59	—	—
Sept. 27	Lewis Mabel Agnes (Read)—wife of Benjamin	74	3	21
July 3	Magee, Annie E.	84	8	—
Oct. 18	Milot, Emile Arthur—husband of Angeline Vincent	51	10	18
Aug. 5	Pickup, Columbus—husband of Blanche Maybury	77	—	—
Oct. 27	Pierce, Harriet Ellen (Chisholm)—wife of Franklin	56	7	8
June 15	Prachnik, Jakup	79	10	30
June 20	Spencer, Ralph	15	8	5
Mar. 20	Staples, Georgia E. (McIntyre)—wife of Daniel C.	78	11	10

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Sept. 14	Sugden, Frances B—wife of thomas W.	73	5	18
Dec. 29	Bunce Lewis	76	1	27
May 14	Sundberg, John Oskar—husband of Christine Jansson	66	6	20
Dec. 25	Tousignant, Rose (Byron)—wife of Joseph	53	4	26
June 19	Verge, Walter	73	10	13
Mar. 7	Walsh, Alice Frances	71	4	24
June 15	Wilson, Arthur P.	25	8	27
June 27	Worden, Chester A.	59	—	—
Jan. 3	Wright, Helen Francis (Johnson)—wife of Charles D.	66	6	—
		Males	Females	Total
	Total Number Recorded .....	28	16	44
	Number of Deaths in Town .....	19	11	30
	Residents of Westford .....	23	14	38

## NOTE

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath made by one who was required by law, to furnish the information for the original record or by one or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case.  
(See General Laws, Chapter 46, Section 13 as amended.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

Attention is particularly called to the following extracts from the General Laws:

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### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46

Section 1. Each city and town clerk shall receive or obtain and record \* \* \* facts relative to the births \* \* \* in his city or town.

Section 3. Every physician or medical officer registered shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge and \* \* \* shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred a report \* \* \* if the child is illegitimate, the name and other facts relating to the father shall not be stated except at the request in writing of both father and mother filed \* \* \* Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported \* \* \* A physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars \* \* \*

Section 4. A member or servant of a family in which a child is born, having knowledge of the facts required \* \* \* shall furnish the same upon request of the clerk of the town \* \* \* or of any person authorized by him. (Penalty for refusing, not more than ten dollars.)

Section 6. Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder within forty days after a birth in his house shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

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GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 207

Section 36. If a marriage is solemnized in another state between parties living in this Commonwealth, who return to dwell here, they shall within seven days after their return, file with the clerk or registrar of the town where either of them lived at the time of their marriage, a certificate or declaration of their marriage including the facts required in a notice of intention of marriage.

Section 55. Whoever violates Section 36 shall forfeit ten dollars.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish, parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital medical officers applying therefor, with blanks for return of births as required by law.

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS

Number of Dog Licenses issued from January 1, 1946 thru December 31, 1946:

151 Males at \$2.00 .....	\$ 302.00
28 Females at \$5.00 .....	140.00
53 Spayed Females at \$2.00 .....	106.00
1 Military (Male)	
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233 Total .....	\$ 548.00
Clerk's fees at 20 cents on 232 Licenses .....	\$ 46.40
Paid to Town as per Treasurer's Receipts .....	501.60
	<hr/> \$ 548.00

The attention of owners and keepers of dogs is called to the following extracts from Chapter 140 of the General Laws as amended:

Definition: "License period," the time between April first and the following March thirty-first, both dates inclusive.

Section. 137. A person who at the commencement of a license period is, or who during any license period becomes, the owner or keeper of a dog when it becomes three months old during a license period, shall cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed until the end of such license period, and the owner or keeper of a dog so registered, numbered, described and licensed during any license period, in order to own or keep such dog after the beginning of the succeeding license period, shall, before the beginning thereof, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for such period.—The registering, numbering, describing and licensing of a dog—shall be—if kept in any—town in the office of the clerk thereof.

The license shall be in a form prescribed by the director, upon a blank to be furnished,—by the county in which the town is located, and shall be subject to the condition expressed therein that the dog which is the subject of the license shall be controlled and restrained from killing, chasing or harassing live stock or fowls. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck or body a collar or harness of leather or other suitable material, to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form prescribed by the director, and upon which shall appear the license number, the name of the town issuing such license and the year of issue. Such tags shall

be furnished in the same manner as the license blanks, and if any such tag shall be lost the owner or keeper of such dog shall forthwith secure a substitute tag from the town clerk—at a cost of ten cents which, if received by a town clerk, shall be retained by him unless otherwise provided by law.

Section 139. Fees for licenses. The fee for every license shall, except as otherwise provided, be two dollars for a male dog and five dollars for a female dog, unless a certificate of a registered veterinarian who performed the operation that said female dog has been spayed and has thereby been deprived of the power of propagation has been filed with the town clerk, in which case the fee shall be two dollars. A certified copy of such certificate on file in the office of any town clerk within the commonwealth may be accepted as evidence that the said operation has been performed.——

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED THRU DECEMBER 31, 1946

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Abbot, Edward M (f)	Cavanaugh, Hazel R. (m)
Abbot, Edward M., Jr. (m)	Chace, Helen S. (f)
Abbot, Natalie B. (m)	Chandonait, Alphonse A. (m)
Abbott, Jessie (s)	Charlton, Arthur L. (m)
Allen, E. Kent (m)	Charlton, Elizabeth B. (m)
Anderson, Gustave L. (m)	Charlton, Frances C. (m)
Arpin, Pearl G. (f)	Charlton, Joyce & Juanita (m)
Atwood, Florence E. (2m)	Clement, J. Edward (f)
Atwood, Jewett A. (s)	Clements, Edna Kittredge (s)
Bailey, Gordon D. (2m)	Colarusso, Umberto P. (m)
Barnes, Marguerite B. (f)	Cole, Ralph E. (s)
Basinas, James V. (m)	Comey, Susannah (m)
Benkoski, Florence (s)	Connell, Leo J. (m)
Blodgett, Charles A. & Fred R. (f)	Coupal, Anna M. (m)
Brewster, Carl S. (m)	Curley, Thomas (m)
Brule, Josephat (1m 1f)	Dane, Elizabeth (f)
Budge, William K. (1m 2s)	Day, Avis E. (m)
Burke, George H. (1m)	DeGagne, Samuel J. (m)
Burne, Albert J. (m)	DeLaHaye, Edmund J. (s)
Caless, Charlotte J. (s)	Desmond, David L. (m)
Caless, Sybell L. (m)	DiDonato, Anthony R. (m)
Carlsen, John (s)	Dixon, Winifred A. (s)
Carmichael, Charlotte (3f)	Donnelly, Harry G. (m)
Carpentier, Frederick F. (s)	Doucette, Victor G. (m)
Carter, W. Wallace (s)	Downing, Albert J. (m)

Drew, Ben W. (s)	Johnson, N. Herman (s)
Dubey, Frank T. (m)	Johnston, Gladys (m)
Dubey, Peter A. (s)	Kane, Lawrence R. (s)
Dupras, Fred L. (m)	Kazeniak, Stanley (m)
Eastman, Elizabeth A. (m)	Kofonicos, John V. (m)
Elliott, Priscilla B. (2m)	Kostechko, Simon (m)
Fallon, Owen P. (3m)	Laforme, Emile (m)
Fenton, Robert C. (m)	Lambert, Thomas A. (m)
Ferguson, Claire (m)	Lavigne, Stanley J. (m)
Fisher, Frances B. (m)	Leduc, Eleanor (m)
Flanagan, John F. (m)	Leedberg, Clarence O. (m)
Fletcher, E. Kennard (s)	LePage, Dorothy R. (s)
Fletcher, Harold H., Jr. (m)	LePage, Wilfred A. (m)
Fletcher, Priscilla K. (m)	Longden, Henry W. (s)
Fletcher, Ralph A. (1m 1f)	MacDougall, Allister F. (m)
Foss, Raymond (m)	MacQuarrie, William Q. (m)
Frost, Ralph E. (s)	Maffini, Carlo (m)
Gamage, Henry C. (1m 1s)	Maguire, Francis C. (m)
Gardel, Fortuna (2m 1f)	Mann, Clarence W. (m)
Gatenby, Frederick W. (s)	Mann, Dulcie J. (2f)
Gelinas, Wilfred (m)	Mann, Mabel E. (s)
Gibbons, James W. (m)	March, Shirley C. (m)
Gower, George E. (m)	Martin, Maudie M. (m)
Gower, Robert F. (m)	Mason, George B. (f)
Graves, Herbert O. (s)	McDonald, Angus J. (m)
Greenslade, Arthur T., Jr (m)	McDonald, Barbara B. (f)
Hagberg, Ernest A. (m)	Melancon, Paul (f)
Haley, Frank L. (f)	Merrick, Mary (m)
Hall, Albert L. (m)	Miksha, Paul (2m)
Hall, John H. (m)	Miller, Rita H. (f)
Hall, Marjorie A. (s)	Moore, Robert T. (m)
Harless, Bert A., Jr. (m)	Mountain, Albert E. (f)
Harrington, William C. (m)	Mountain, Edward P. (m)
Hartford, Hazel B. (s)	Mountain, Shirley M. (m)
Hebert, Irene H. (m)	Munroe, Albert H. (s)
Heman, Robert J. (m)	Munroe, Howard T. (2s)
Hildreth, Arthur G. (m)	Murray, Mary L. (m)
Hildreth, Leon F. (s)	Nelson, Max (1m 1s)
Hodgson, Harry (m)	Nowers, Francis L. (s)
Hook, Harold P. (m)	Nylund, Carl R. (s)
Hubbel, Edgar G. (1m 1f)	O'Leary, Charles G. (s)
Ingalls, Harry M. (f)	Olsson, David I. (s)
Jenkins, Justin B. (m)	Orr, Robert J. (m)
Jensen, Lillian A. (m)	Ouellette, Grace M. (s)
Jewett, David H. (s)	Paduano, Frank (m)

Perkins, Joseph J. (m)	Taylor, William R. (m)
Petersen, John (m)	Thompson, Raymond J. (m)
Peterson, David G. (m)	Totton, Thomas F. (2m)
Picking, Bernice G. (m)	Traversa, Antonio J. (m)
Poulin, Ernest L. (3s)	Tuttle, Ruth P. (s)
Profita, Joseph M. (s)	Upton, Frank (m)
Provost, Edmund L. (m)	Vickers, Ephraim (m)
Provost, Mary A. (m)	Vincent, Donat (f)
Richards, Samuel A. (2m)	Voropay, Nicholas P. (m)
Riel, Hermas I. (s)	Vyskaska, Mary (m)
Robbins, Harold M. (m)	Wark, Donald T. (2m)
Robinson, William E., Jr. (m)	Wells, Alice M. (s)
Rogers, Edmund D. (1m 1s)	Whitney, Donald A. (m)
Romanowsky, Arnold P. (m)	Whitney, Grace L. (m)
Rooks, Beverly J. (s)	Whitney, Hamilton E. (1m 1f)
Roudenbush, William C. (s)	Whitney, Harry G. (m)
Sawosik, Michael (m)	Whitney, John W. (2m)
Scott, Everett A. (2m)	Whitney, Nathaniel R. (m)
Simons, Sigmund (s)	Williamson, Oscar (f)
Smith, F. Stanley (s)	Wilson, Raymond S. (2m)
Smith, Paul F. (m)	Wilson, T. Arthur E. (m)
Smith, Robert G. (f)	Wood, Francis C. (m)
Spinner, Robert J. (m)	Woodard, Rita (s)
Sproul, Myrtle P. (m)	Woodruff, David R. (m)
Stepinski, Edward J. (m)	Wright, Harold E., Jr. (s)
Sudak, Nicholas, Jr. (f)	York, J. Ellsworth (m)
Swanson, Varnum H. (m)	Young, George R. (m)
Tandus, John (m)	Zubowicz, Leon (m)

NOTE: (m) Male; (f) Female (s) Spayed Female

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,

Town Clerk

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—FEBRUARY 18, 1946

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, February 18, 1946, at one o'clock P. M., the following business was transacted:

Ben W. Drew, Town Moderator, was sworn in by Charles L. Hildreth, Town Clerk, and called the meeting to order.

Rev. Garrett J. Condon, Pastor of St. Catherine's Church, offered prayer.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

The Canvass of the Votes cast at the Town Election, February 11th, made by the Board of Registrars was read by the Town Clerk.

On Motion of Ben W. Drew a rousing vote of thanks was given to Arthur M. Whitley, retiring member of the Board of Selectmen, who had just completed fifteen years of faithful service.

The Moderator read a letter dated September 27, 1945 from the Massachusetts Salvage Committee to the Board of Selectmen, praising the work of the local Salvage Committee and their Chairman. A Certificate of appreciation was presented to Morris A. Hall, Chairman of the Committees.

William R. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws, gave a verbal report.

Article 1. Voted that the Report of the Committee on By-Laws be accepted as a report of progress and that the time for making the Committee's final Report be extended until the next Annual Town Meeting; and further, that said Committee be instructed to file with the Selectmen, on or before January 10, 1947, Articles to be inserted in the Warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting calling for the adoption of such By-Laws as the Committee may propose for adoption by the Town.

Article 2. A Motion was made that the compensation of Town Officers be as follows: Selectmen, Chairman and other Members \$300. each; Board of Public Welfare, Chairman \$20.00, other two Members \$10.00 each; Town Treasurer \$1,500.00; Town Clerk \$400.00; Collector of Taxes \$1,400.00; Tree Warden \$0.53 per hour; Assessors \$5.00 per day of eight hours; Registrars and Assistant Registrars of Voters \$5.00 per day of eight hours for Listing as required by law. Voted to take up the compensation of said Town Officers separately. Voted that the compensation of the Chairman of the Selectmen be \$225.00, the other two Members \$200.00 each; Board of Public Welfare, Chair-

man \$20.00, other two Members \$10.00 each; Town Treasurer \$1,500; Town Clerk \$400.00; Collector of Taxes \$1,400.00; Tree Warden \$0.53 per hour; Assessors \$5.00 per day of eight hours; Registrars and Assistant Registrars of Voters \$5.00 per day of eight hours for Listing as required by law.

### Article 3.

1. Voted that the sum of \$10,200.00 be raised and appropriated for General Government, divided as follows: Selectmen \$925.00; License Expenses \$75.00; Town Treasurer \$1,850.00; Town Accountant 1,175.00; Assessors \$1,200.00; Tax Collector \$1,750.00; Town Counsel \$300.00; Tax Title Expense \$700.00; Town Clerk \$750.00; Election and Registration \$1,475.00.
2. Voted that the sum of \$3,400.00 be raised and appropriated for the General Expenses of the Town Hall.
3. Voted that the sum of \$6,775.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the Expenses of the Police Department.
4. Voted that the sum of \$6,375.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the Expenses of the Fire Department, divided as follows: General Expenses \$5,500.00; Permanent Man \$500.00; Foam Equipment \$375.00.  
Voted that the sum of \$225.00 be raised and appropriated for three Fog Nozzles to fit small hose lines.
5. Voted that the sum of \$3,350.00 be raised and appropriated for Fire Hydrants.
6. Voted that the sum of \$125.00 be raised and appropriated for the Sealer of Weights and Measures.
7. Voted that the sum of \$75.00 be raised and appropriated for the Salary and Expenses of the Fish and Game Warden.
8. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of Fighting Forest Fires.
9. Voted that the sum of \$100.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Town Forest.
10. Voted that the sum of \$500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Tree Warden.
11. Voted that the sum of \$900.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Moth Department.

12. Voted that the sum of \$3,500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Health Department.
13. Voted that the sum of \$150.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Cattle Inspector.
14. a. Voted that the sum of \$7,500.00 be raised and appropriated for Snow and Ice Removal.  
b. Voted that the sum of \$1,500.00 be raised and appropriated for Town Roads.
15. Voted that the sum of \$32,350.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the Welfare Department, divided as follows: Temporary Aid and Infirmary \$13,250.00; Aid to Dependent Children \$3,700.00; Old Age Assistance \$15,400.00.
16. Voted that the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Soldiers' Benefits.
17. Voted to lay Item 17 on the Table and take up Article 32.

#### Article 32.

Voted that the School Committee be instructed to re-open, for School purposes, the Nabnasset School.

#### Article 3.

17. Voted that the sum of \$91,500.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of the School Department.
18. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Vocational School Tuition.
19. Voted that the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated, together with the Receipts from Dog Licenses in 1945, to defray the Expenses of the Public Library.
20. Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of the Common.
21. Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of Commemorating Memorial Day.
22. Voted that the sum of \$630.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the Expenses of Publishing and Distributing the Town Reports.
23. Voted to dismiss Item 23 relative to Compensation Insurance.
24. Voted that the sum of \$1,700.00 be raised and appropriated for Fire Insurance.

25. Voted that the sum of \$25.00 be raised and appropriated for Interest on Revenue Loans.
26. Voted that the sum of \$2,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of Cemeteries.
27. Voted to lay Item 27 on the Table and take up Article 12.

#### Article 12.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to install two Street Lights on Abbot Street in Forge Village.

#### Article 3.

27. Voted to take Item 27 from the Table.  
Voted that the sum of \$7,085.00 be raised and appropriated for Street Lights.
28. Voted that the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated to be used as a Reserve Fund, at the discretion of the Finance Committee, as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6, and that the further sum of \$10.00 be raised and appropriated to be used by the Finance Committee for payment of Membership in the Association of Town Finance Committees.
29. Voted that the sum of \$1,465.64 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying Unpaid Bills of 1945, divided as follows: FIRE DEPARTMENT: C. G. Sargent's Sons Corp. \$9.74; Jim Knowlton \$3.43; Whitney's Repair Shop \$73.94. (The Vote on these three bills was unanimous) Total \$87.11; HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—Machinery Account: Whitney's Repair Shop \$15.20; J. A. Healy & Sons \$17.60; Edwin H. Gould \$6.80; Total \$39.60; INFIRMARY: A. G. Pollard Co. \$4.14; Lowell Electric Light Corp. \$12.57; C. G. Sargent Sons Corp. \$6.50; John C. Bennett \$5.85; Total \$29.06; OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: Chelmsford \$41.66, Lowell \$266.93; Boston \$12.50; Pepperell \$87.03; Dracut \$60.00; Chelmsford \$108.92; Total \$577.04; TEMPORARY AID: Division of Child Guardianship \$289.00; Department of Public Welfare; Boston \$144.00, Lowell \$246.83, Boston \$48.00, Chelmsford \$5.00; Total \$732.83.

Article 1. Voted to again take up Article 1. The Report of the Committee appointed under Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting held February 19, 1945, was given verbally by Thomas McGrath, Chairman. Voted to accept the verbal Report given under Article 1

and the Reports of the Finance Committee, other Committees, Boards and Officers, as printed in the Town Report.

Article 4. Voted unanimously that the Town Treasurer be authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the current financial year and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 5. Voted that the sum of \$10,125.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that, in addition, the sum of \$18,225.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury.

Article 6. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, on condition that like amounts be contributed by either or both state and County respectively, to be used in conjunction therewith, and that, in addition, the sum of \$2,000.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury.

Article 7. Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to act as its Agent in any suit or suits which may arise during the current year, with authority to settle and adjust claims or demands for or against the Town, and to employ Counsel whenever in their judgment it is advisable so to do.

Article 8. Voted that this Article, to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the County of Middlesex the Town's share of the Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital, be dismissed.

Article 9. Voted that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for the Care of the Whitney Playground.

Article 10. Voted that the sum of \$400.00 be raised and appropriated for Band Concerts during the current year.

Article 11. Voted that the sum of \$1,250.56 be raised and appropriated for the Machinery Fund, and that the sum of \$3,088.19 be transferred from the Machinery Fund to the Highway Equipment Account.

Article 13. Voted that the sum of \$76.13 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of paying into the Contributory Retirement System the Town's portion of the amount which would have been paid into said Retirement System by former Westford Teachers who are now in the Military or Naval Services, all as provided in Section 9 of Chapter 708 of the Acts of 1941, as amended by Chapter 419 of the Acts of 1943.

Article 14. Voted that the sum of \$10.00 be raised and appropriated for Demonstration Work in Agriculture and Home Economics and that a Director be elected, under the Provisions of Chapter 128, Sections 40-45 of the General Laws, as amended. Mabel M. Nixon was elected Director.

Article 15. Voted that the Town accept a gift made to it by the Isabel F. Hyams' Fund, Inc., formerly known as the Solomon Hyams' Fund, Inc., and that the Town Clerk be authorized and directed to extend to said Corporation, the appreciation of the Town for this gift.

Article 16. Voted that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the reconstruction of Groton Road, on condition that like amounts be contributed by either or both the State and County to be used in conjunction therewith and that, in addition, the sum of \$6,000.00 be transferred from Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to Unappropriated Available Funds in the Treasury.

Article 17. Voted that the sum of \$680.50 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a Stone Spreader for the Highway Department, the same to be purchased under the supervision of Board of Selectmen.

Article 18. Voted that the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a new Truck for the Highway Department, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 18A. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to transfer, by a good and sufficient Bill of Sale, Title to the 1937 Ford Truck now used by the Highway Department, and apply the sum received therefrom against the purchase price of the new Truck.

Article 19. Voted that the sum of \$575.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a new Automobile for the Police Department, said purchase to be made under the supervision of Board of Selectmen.

Article 20. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to transfer, by a good and sufficient Bill of Sale Title to the automobile now used by the Police Department, and apply the sum received therefrom against the purchase price of the new Automobile.

Article 21. Voted that the sum of \$144.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a new Typewriter for use in the Office of the Board of Selectmen, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 22. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to transfer, by a good and sufficient Bill of Sale. Title to the typewriter now used in the Office of the Board of Selectmen, and apply the sum received therefrom against the purchase price of the new Typewriter.

Article 23. Voted that a Committee of seven persons be appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of investigating the advisability of constructing a permanent Bandstand on the Common in Westford Center.

Article 24. Voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of \$375.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing in the Fire House in Westford Center, an Oil Burner.

Article 25. Voted that the Town purchase a parcel of land situated on the Southwesterly side of Broadway and the Northwesterly side of Cross Street in that part of Westford known as Graniteville and supposed to contain 8,639 square feet, said premises being more particularly described in a Deed from the Abbot Worsted Company to Fred S. Healy dated October 21, 1938 and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 920, Page 522, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 26. Voted that the sum of \$750.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing the parcel of land voted to be purchased under Article 25, and that the further sum of \$50.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of examination of Title and Recording Fee of the Deed to the Town. William R. Taylor and John S. Creig, appointed Tellers by the Moderator and sworn in by the Town Clerk, counted the Vote which was Yes 90, No 17.

Article 27. A Motion to lay Article 27 on the Table and take up Article 39 was defeated 60 to 52.

Voted that the sum of \$15,000.00 be transferred from the Account entitled Excess and Deficiency for the purpose of erecting, on the land purchased under Article 25, a new Fire House, said new Fire

House to be erected under the supervision of a Committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen, the Fire Engineers and one Member of the Finance Committee, to be designated by the Moderator, said Committee to have full power and authority to obtain such plans and specifications as the Committee deems advisable and to pay for the same out of this Appropriation.

A Motion was made to reconsider Article 27.

A Motion for a recess was defeated.

Voted not to reconsider Article 27.

Article 28. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized, in the name and behalf of the Town, to convey, by a good and sufficient Deed, at public auction or private sale, Title to the land situated in Graniteville, with the Building thereon, said Building now being used as a Fire House, for such sum as to the Board of Selectmen may seem advisable.

Article 29. No action was taken under Article 29 as the Vote under Article 28 was in the affirmative.

Article 30. Voted that the Town purchase, for the purpose of enlarging the present Town Dump, a parcel of Land adjoining the present Town Dump containing about seventeen (17) acres, said premises being more particularly described in a Deed from Minot A. Bean to Fred S. Healy dated January 3, 1929 and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 773, Page 459.

Article 31. Voted that the sum of \$170.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing the premises voted to be purchased under Article 30 and that the further sum of \$50.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Examination of Title and Recording Fee of the Deed to the Town. This vote was unanimous.

Article 33. Voted that a Committee of five persons be appointed by the Moderator to work in conjunction with the School Committee for the purpose of investigating the advisability of and need for a new School Building, said Committee to make a Report of its findings at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 34. Voted that the sum of \$1,300.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing a Fence at the Westlawn Cemetery, said work to be done under the supervision of the Cemetery Commissioners.

Article 35. Voted that the sum of \$100.00 be raised and appointed for the purpose of defraying the Expenses of selling land,

Title to which has been acquired or will in the future be acquired, by the Town thru the foreclosure of Tax Titles.

Article 36. Voted that a Committee of seven persons be appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of recommending to the Town, the manner in which and the extent to which, the return of men and women who served in or were affiliated with or associated with the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II should be celebrated, and make a Report of their recommendations at the next Town Meeting.

Article 37. Voted to dismiss Article 37 relative to a Committee to investigate the advisability of accepting the Provisions of Chapter 723 of the Acts of 1945.

Article 38. Voted that the Board of Assessors be authorized to use, as Free cash, a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000.00, said amount to be approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth, and said sum to be applied in determining the Tax Rate for the current year 1946.

Article 39. Voted to dismiss Article 39 relative to a transfer of Funds to create a Stabilization Fund, under the Provisions of Chapter 124 of the Acts of 1945.

Article 40. Voted to accept the minutes of the Meeting.

Article 41. Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Town Clerk — Westford

## STATE ELECTION—NOVEMBER 5, 1946

Party Designations: (R) Republican; (D) Democrat; (SL) Socialist Labor Party; (P) Prohibition.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of Ballots Cast....	399	297	162	448	1306

### GOVERNOR

Robert F. Bradford (R) .....	309	103	105	98	615
Maurice J. Tobin (D) .....	82	186	52	335	655
Horace I. Hillis (SL) .....	3	2	2	1	8
Guy S. Williams (P) .....	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks .....	5	6	2	14	27

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Arthur W. Coolidge (R) .....	311	99	104	81	595
Paul A. Dever (D) .....	76	180	53	353	662
Alfred Erickson (P) .....	4	1	2	1	8
Francis A. Votano (SL) .....	0	4	1	0	5
Blanks .....	8	13	2	13	36

### SECRETARY

Frederick W. Cook (R) .....	323	124	123	121	696
Benedict F. FitzGerald, Jr. (D) .....	62	146	31	309	548
Malcolm T. Rowe (SL) .....	3	6	4	0	13
Blanks .....	6	21	4	18	49

### TREASURER

Laurence Curtis (R) .....	315	101	113	93	622
John E. Hurley (D) .....	73	168	42	336	619
Lawrence Gilfedder (SL) .....	1	3	3	0	7
Charles E. Vaughan (P) .....	0	1	0	1	2
Blanks .....	10	24	4	18	56

### AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley (D) .....	80	169	47	339	635
Russell A. Wood (R) .....	308	94	104	82	588
Pearl J. McGlynn (SL) .....	1	4	3	0	8
Robert A. Simmons (P) .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	10	30	8	27	75

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Clarence A. Barnes (R) .....	318	99	107	98	622
Francis E. Kelly (D) .....	68	166	49	323	606
William F. Oro (SL) .....	3	7	2	0	12
Howard B. Rand (P) .....	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	10	24	4	27	65

# SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (R) ....	322	143	131	148	744
David I. Walsh (D) .....	74	133	28	282	517
Henning A. Blomen (SL) .....	1	2	2	0	5
Mark R. Shaw (P) .....	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks .....	2	19	1	18	40

## CONGRESSMAN — Fifth District

Oliver S. Allen (D) .....	56	102	31	212	401
Edith Nourse Rogers (R) .....	336	176	130	222	864
Harriet Slade (P) .....	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	7	18	1	14	40

## COUNCILLOR — Third District

Francis J. Callahan (D) .....	59	147	33	323	562
Otis M. Whitney (R) .....	324	108	124	94	650
Blanks .....	16	42	5	31	94

## SENATOR — First Middlesex District

William C. Geary (D) .....	76	167	49	317	609
Joseph F. Montminy (R) .....	305	104	110	106	625
Blanks .....	18	26	3	25	72

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

### Eleventh Middlesex District

John H. Valentine (R) .....	342	179	148	258	927
John Reagan .....	0	1	0	0	1
Walter Fletcher .....	0	1	0	0	1
Samuel Richard .....	1	0	0	0	1
Blanks .....	56	116	14	190	376

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY — Northern District

John F. Kelley (D) .....	76	159	41	332	608
George E. Thompson (R) .....	308	110	117	89	624
Blanks .....	15	28	4	27	74

## CLERK OF COURTS — Middlesex County

John F. Ferrick (D) .....	96	142	36	306	580
Frederic L. Putnam (R) .....	290	118	121	109	638
Blanks .....	13	37	5	33	88

## REGISTER OF DEEDS Middlesex Northern District

Daniel F. Moriarty (D) .....	100	167	50	333	650
John J. White (R) .....	287	103	107	89	586
Blanks .....	12	27	5	26	70

COUNTY COMMISSIONER — Middlesex County

Thomas B. Brennan (D) .....	69	139	34	316	558
Melvin G. Rogers (R) .....	313	122	122	102	659
Blanks .....	17	36	6	30	89

COUNTY COMMISSIONER — Middlesex County  
(to fill vacancy)

Edwin O. Childs (R) .....	340	163	140	224	867
John Reagan .....	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks .....	59	133	22	224	438

QUESTION NO. 1 — PENSIONS

YES .....	99	78	41	144	362
NO .....	208	83	65	73	429
Blanks .....	92	136	56	231	515

QUESTION NO. 2 — LABOR UNIONS

YES .....	223	103	72	147	545
NO .....	83	42	38	70	233
Blanks .....	93	152	52	231	528

LIQUOR 1 — ALL BEVERAGES

YES .....	200	173	103	295	771
NO .....	142	49	37	46	274
Blanks .....	57	75	22	107	261

LIQUOR 2 — WINE AND BEER

YES .....	188	160	99	283	730
NO .....	139	39	32	36	246
Blanks .....	72	98	31	129	330

LIQUOR 3 — PACKAGES

YES .....	215	156	96	279	746
NO .....	112	36	35	33	216
Blanks .....	72	105	31	136	344

BETTING 1 — HORSE RACES

YES .....	167	150	75	253	645
NO .....	166	54	59	59	338
Blanks .....	66	93	28	136	323

BETTING 2 — DOG RACES

YES .....	144	132	64	209	549
NO .....	172	54	63	66	355
Blanks .....	83	111	35	173	402

WOMEN JURY SERVICE

YES .....	204	108	98	209	619
NO .....	92	63	30	80	265
Blanks .....	103	126	34	159	422

# CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

YES .....	202	133	96	227	658
NO .....	77	30	20	26	153
Blanks .....	120	134	46	195	495

# UNITED NATION CHARTER

YES .....	290	163	111	237	801
NO .....	14	9	6	17	46
Blanks .....	95	125	45	194	459

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH  
Town Clerk

# STATEWIDE RECOUNT

This is to certify that, at a Statewide Recount of the Votes cast for Lieutenant Governor at the State Election, November 5, 1946, held at the Town Hall, Westford Center on December 9, 1946 at 7:00 P. M., the following is the result:

Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading

Votes Five hundred ninety-six ..... 596

Paul A. Dever of Cambridge

Votes Six hundred sixty-two ..... 662

Alfred Erickson of Quincy

Votes Three ..... 3

Francis A. Votano of Lynn

Votes Nine ..... 9

Blanks Thirty-six ..... 36

JAMES J. McKNIFF

PAUL L. DUNIGAN

NORMAN E. DAY

CHARLES L. HILDRETH

Registrars of Voters of Westford

This is to certify that, at a Statewide Recount of the Votes cast for Auditor at the State Election, November 5, 1946, held at the Town Hall, Westford Center on December 9, 1946 at 7:00 P. M., the following is the result:

Thomas J. Buckley of Boston	
Votes Six hundred thirty-five .....	635
Russell A. Wood of Cambridge	
Votes Five hundred eighty-eight .....	588
Pearl J. McGlynn of Springfield	
Votes Eight .....	8
Robert A. Simmons of Boston	
Votes None .....	0
Blanks Seventy-five .....	75

JAMES J. McKNIFF

PAUL L. DUNIGAN

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Registrars of Voters of Westford

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING—NOVEMBER 12, 1946**

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, qualified, by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Tuesday, November 12, 1946, at 8:00 P. M., the following business was transacted:

Ben W. Drew, Town Moderator, called the Meeting to order.

Voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

Article 1. Voted not to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a parcel of land, containing eight and one half (8½) acres, on the Southerly side of the road leading to South Chelmsford and bordering on Baptist Pond.

Article 2. Voted that the sum of \$400.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" to be added to and used for the purposes for which a sum of money has already been appropriated under Article 18 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held February 18, 1946.

Article 3. Voted that the sum of \$2,700.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" to be added to and used for the purposes for which a sum of money has already been appropriated under Article 20 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held February 19, 1945—said Article having to do with the purchase of a Power Grader.

Article 2. Voted to reconsider Article 2. Amendments of the original Vote were accepted and it was voted "That the sum of \$400.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" to be added to and used for the purposes for which a sum of money has already been appropriated under Article 18 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held February 18, 1946. The \$400.00 so transferred is to be added to the \$2,000.00 already appropriated at said Annual Town Meeting for purchasing a new Truck for the Highway Department."

Article 4. Voted that the sum of \$105.47 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" to pay the balance due, by law, on Teacher Retirement Assessments, for teachers who served in the Armed Services.

Article 5. Voted that the sum of \$3,050.88 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" to be used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the School Department.

Article 6. Voted that the sum of \$1,000.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" to be used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Public Welfare.

Article 7. A Motion was made that the sum of \$6,000.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" to be added to and used for the purposes for which a sum of money has already been appropriated under Article 27 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held February 18, 1946 — said Article having to do with the erection of a Fire House at Graniteville for which \$15,000.00 has already been appropriated.

Voted that a written Ballot be taken.

The Moderator appointed eight Tellers to supervise the Balloting and to count the Votes, which was announced as YES 85, NO 117 — so the Motion was declared lost.

Article 8. Voted that the sum of \$375.00 be transferred from the Account entitled "Excess and Deficiency" to be used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Election and Registration.

Article 9. Voted that the Town accept, from the Abbot Worsted Company, the gift of a small triangular parcel of land situated on the Southeasterly side of Abbot Street and the Northeasterly side of Pleasant Street, in that part of said Westford called Forge Village, on the conditions set forth in said Deed, namely, that said land be used for the widening and straightening of said Abbot Street at its junction with said Pleasant Street.

Article 10. Voted to accept the minutes of the Meeting.

Article 11. Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

A True Record, Attest:

CHARLES L. HILDRETH  
Town Clerk — Westford

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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To the citizens of the Town of Westford:

A new member Mr. Edward F. Harrington was elected to the Board this year.

At the first meeting of the Board Mr. Arthur L. Healy was appointed Chairman and Dr. Cyril A. Blaney, Secretary.

The Annual Audit was made in March and the report is printed herein.

At the very first meeting the Board wrote the Boston and Maine Railroad regarding the crossing at Forge Village and have been corresponding since then trying to get some new arrangement regarding safety signals. We now feel through the cooperation of the Department of Public Utilities that the matter will soon be straightened out to benefit the citizens of the town.

From time to time the State Inspector has demanded new changes be made; such, as Robot lights have to be installed in the Town Hall requiring quite an additional expense, but which we feel is of great value to the public in case the lights go out.

It was also necessary to increase the Insurance Coverage for the protection of the Town.

We have had representatives here from Boston and Maine Railroad and Eastern Mass. Railway to get better bus service. They have now arranged for service from Forge Village Center over Pleasant and Concord St. to Littleton line, and from North Chelmsford to Nabasset which is very convenient to the people in these sections.

The Town lines were perambulated with Acton, Groton and Littleton which have to be done every five years.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR L. HEALY  
CYRIL A. BLANEY  
EDWARD F. HARRINGTON  
Board of Selectmen

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

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Board of Selectmen::  
Westford, Mass.

The following is my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1946.

### Chapter 81 and General Highway Maintenance:

The usual highway maintenance was carried out during the year. All oiled roads were patched when necessary with bituminous materials during the spring and summer months, and this procedure was carried out into the late fall.

On account of the shortage of help the brush was cut only on bad corners and curves. New metal culverts, catch basins and cement guard rail posts were installed.

Pea stone was used in resurfacing various roads in Town.

### Chapter 90 Maintenance:

The usual maintenance of Chapter 90 highways was carried out again this year under the provisions of the allotment. All our chapter 90 roads are in good condition.

### Chapter 90 Construction:

On Groton road the Town had allotment for new construction.

The work was to begin at Mrs. Shugrue's residence extending in a Westerly direction toward North street. The State asked for bids on same and Mr. Greenough was awarded the contract as he was the lowest bidder. The State thought it advisable to wait until spring to start the job.

Respectfully yours,

J. AUSTIN HEALY  
Supt. of Streets

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Westford, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1946 for the Police Department.

Report to the Department of Correction has been made.

Arrests made .....	22
Assault and battery .....	4
Abandoned autos .....	6
Ambulance calls .....	44
Auto violations .....	12
Auto accidents .....	17
Auto transfers .....	89
Auto registrations .....	8
Auto Licenses revoked .....	14
Appeals cases to Superior Court .....	5
Cases in Ayer Court .....	18
Collected for beer licenses .....	\$1994.00
Collected for movie licenses .....	\$34.00
Complaints against dog .....	22
Complaints investigated cruelty to animals .....	6
Complaints on dead animals left on top of ground .....	5
Complaints on Suspicious persons .....	19
Camps and Houses broken into .....	10
Dogs Killed by Automobiles .....	11
Dogs shot .....	14
Duty at public gathering .....	34
Dances .....	58
Driving under the influence of Liquor .....	4
Driving so to endanger .....	4
Disturbance of the peace .....	18
Drunkenness .....	21
Driving without license .....	3
Fruit Thieves .....	3
Family Disturbances .....	86
Fires attended .....	12
Funerals attended .....	21
Idle and disorderly .....	4
Investigations made .....	602
In Lockup at Town Farm .....	16
Jurors .....	12

Breaking and entering in the night time .....	6
Men taken to Jail .....	7
Leaving scene after injury to property .....	1
Larceny Complaints .....	38
Notices posted .....	18
Public Nuisances in beer places .....	38
Pedestrians struck by automobiles .....	4
Petty Complaints .....	406
Summonses and notices served .....	42
Warrants served .....	10
Electric wires down on street .....	9
Lay watching in different places .....	12
Inspection of Camps when the roads are open .....	
Malicious injury to property .....	4
Patients taken to Gardner State Hospital .....	6
Drowning accidents .....	1
Receiving stolen goods .....	2
Shooting at three boys at Forge Pond .....	1
Driving so as to endanger .....	1
Murder .....	1

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, Officer Connell, and the other Special Officers of the Town of Westford, for their advice, cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SULLIVAN,

Chief of Police

## JURY LIST—1947

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Address</i>
Athorn, George	Welder	9 Palermo St.
Beebe, Edward	Unemployed	Broadway
Bobryk, Peter	Millhand	Prescott St.
Boisvert, William J.	Millhand	Story St.
Brown, James H.	Wool Sorter	Prescott St.
Brule, Josephat	Millhand	Off Coolidge St.
Connell, Earl J.	Millhand	Prescott St.
Charlton, Lawrence J.	Machinist	Lowell Rd.
Courchaine, Clifford	Millhand	Pine St.
Daly, Arthur F.	Wool Sorter	8 Pershing St.
Ellison, Jacob E.	Overseer	Fourth St.
Furbush, William C.	Retired	Broadway
Grenier, Alberic	Storekeeper	Main St. G.
Hanson, Axel F.	Machinist	Main St.
Healy, J. Austin Jr.	Clerk	Broadway
Hobson, Albert F.	Millhand	Prescott St.
Knowlton, James L.	Storekeeper	Main St.
Laferriere, Edmond N.	Millhand	Story St.
LePage, Wilfred A.	Engineer	Pine Ridge Rd.
MacQuarrie, William Q.	Millhand	Moore St.
McMurray, John	Painter	28 Pleasant St.
Mungovan, James W.	Second-hand	Third St.
Nesmith, Norman K.	Farmer	Concord Rd.
Oliver, James J.	Machinist	North St.
Palmer, Mark	Granite Dir.	Main St. G.
Parmentier, Joseph	Insurance Agent	Main St. G.
Peterson, Edgar S.	Truck Driver	Brookside Rd.
Pickup, Albert	Retired	Brookside Rd.
Prescott, William B.	Chemist	Boston Rd.
St. Onge, George E.	Permanent Fireman	Boston Rd.
Supple, Leo F.	Apprentice	Pleasant St.
Sudak, Nicholas Jr.	Millhand	Main St. G.
Swanson, Varnum H.	Truck Driver	Brookside Rd.
Targ, Theodore J.	Millhand	Broadway
Tousignant, Adelard	Truck Driver	Broadway
Whitcomb, Leroy H.	Laborer	Lowell Rd.
Whitney, Roland	Mechanic	Main St.
Woznac, Alexander M.	Machinist	Fourth St.
Wright, Frank A.	Janitor	Hildreth St.

ARTHUR L. HEALY

CYRIL A. BLANEY, M.D.

EDWARD F. HARRINGTON

Registrars of Voters of Westford.

January 15, 1947.

## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Citizens of the Town of Westford:

I herewith present the annual report of the Town Accountant in accordance with the General Laws.

All are reminded that all books are open to the public for Inspection at any time.

### RECEIPTS

#### General Revenue

##### Taxes:

##### Current Year

Poll .....	\$ 1,560.00	
Personal .....	15,459.00	
Real Estate .....	118,812.34	135,831.34

##### Previous Years:

Poll .....	12.00	
Personal .....	348.38	
Real Estate .....	8,098.06	8,458.44

Tax Title Redemp..... 242.61

##### From State:

Corporation Tax.....	28,111.62
Income Tax .....	21,724.50
Old Age Assistance Meal Tax....	965.04
Chapter 719 .....	6,987.45

##### From County:

Dog Tax .....	474.45
Withholding Tax .....	8,638.84

##### Permits and Licenses:

Liquor .....	1,971.04
Victuallers .....	12.00
Music .....	45.00
Sunday .....	45.00
Health .....	22.00
Movie .....	60.00
Gasoline .....	26.00
Milk .....	1.50
Used car .....	9.00

Second Hand and Junk.....	25.00	
Pedlers .....	5.00	
Pistol .....	7.00	2,228.54
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Court Fines .....		3.00
Dog Taxes .....		501.60
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax: .....		
Current year .....	4,163.25	.
Previous years .....	945.41	5,108.66
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Grants and Gifts:		
From Federal Government .....		
Old Age Assistance .....	12,926.65	
Aid to Dependent Children .....	1,690.14	14,616.79
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Department Revenue:		
Collector .....	27.15	
Selectmen .....	24.50	
Town Hall .....	142.60	
Fire Dept. ....	119.90	
Sealer Weights and Measures ..	44.83	
Health .....	146.43	505.41
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Highways:		
State .....	11,353.57	
County .....	500.00	
Insurance .....	29.60	
Work done for Individual .....	11.34	
Sale of equipment .....	450.00	
Machinery Fund .....	1,881.01	14,225.52
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Welfare:		
Infirmary .....See report.....	7,810.96	
Infirmary Towns .....	1,362.62	
Temporary Aid from State.....	138.79	
Temporary Aid from Towns.....	147.40	
Aid Dependent Children State	1,540.65	
Old Age Assistance — State ...	10,667.19	21,667.61
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Soldiers Benefits: State .....		128.00

Schools:

Tuition — State and Towns ....	2,386.43	
Tuition individuals .....	137.53	
All other .....	20.50	2,544.46

Library: Fines .....	76.81	
Lecture .....	137.26	
Tailings .....	79.67	
Hyams Gift .....	300.00	
Refunds: Departmental .....	177.85	

Withdrawals:

Whitney Playground Interest ..	150.00	
Library Interest .....	290.00	
Cemetery Interest .....	2,188.75	2,628.75

Cemeteries .....		
Lot care .....	435.00	
Opening graves .....	480.00	915.00

Interest

Deferred taxes .....	284.03	
Perpetual care .....	721.25	
Monument fund .....	32.50	
Sale cemetery lots .....	2.13	
Tax titles .....	9.12	1,049.03

Trust Funds:

Perpetual care .....	1,540.00	
Sale Cemetery lots .....	40.00	1,580.00

Total receipts .....	279,908.25
Balance on Hand January 1, 1946	117,745.33
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	397,653.58

EXPENDITURES

General Government:

Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 845.00	
Stationery and Advertising .....	76.74	921.64

License Expense—Adv. and Print.	48.25
Finance—Dues .....	10.00
Town Counsel .....	300.00
New Typewriter .....	129.60
Tax Title Expense .....	633.13

Town Treasurer:

Salary .....	\$ 1,500.00	
Stationery .....	117.83	
Bond and Insurance .....	137.00	
Checks .....	91.11	
Typewriter Repairs .....	1.35	
Membership Dues .....	1.00	\$ 1,848.29

Town Accountant:

Salary .....	\$ 1,100.00	
Stationery .....	12.75	
Book Binding .....	17.00	
Adding Machine Repairs .....	15.00	\$ 1,144.75

Tax Collector:

Commission .....	\$ 1,400.00	
Printing and Stationery .....	222.70	
Bond and Insurance .....	152.25	
Legal Expense .....	33.00	
Advertising .....	16.90	
Membership Dues .....	1.00	\$ 1,825.85

Assessors:

Wages .....	\$ 728.00	
Clerk .....	260.00	
Legal Service .....	25.00	
Stationery, Printing & Postage ....	77.92	
Bankers and Tradesman Magazine	12.00	
Membership Dues .....	6.00	
Obtaining Transfers of Deeds .....	79.75	\$ 1,188.67

Town Clerk:

Salary .....	\$ 400.00
Recording Fees .....	106.50
Printing and Stationery .....	23.85

Book Binding .....	21.00		
Membership Dues .....	3.00	\$	558.60

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Registration and Election:

Registrars, Wages .....	\$	894.00	
Election Officers .....		531.00	
Printing and Stationery .....		246.10	
Rent and Light .....		86.00	
Advertising .....	71.50	\$	1,828.60

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Town Hall:

Janitor .....	\$	1,420.75	
Fuel .....		821.26	
Light .....		160.37	
Repairs .....		654.97	
Telephone .....		191.96	
Water .....		20.00	
Janitor's Supplies .....	52.52	\$	3,321.83

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Protection of Persons and Property

Compensation Insurance .....	\$	861.57	
Fire Insurance .....	2,630.45	\$	3,492.02

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Police Dept.:

Salaries .....	\$	4,799.86	
Special Officers .....		341.61	
Special Officers Auto Expense ....		525.00	
Auto Repairs .....		718.80	
Light .....		26.00	
Telephone .....		136.92	
Radio Service .....		89.65	
Rent Garage .....		48.00	
Conference and Dues .....		43.50	
Printing .....		9.75	
Insurance .....		69.72	
Advertising .....		8.22	
Miscellaneous .....		12.33	
Repairing Cells .....	20.32	\$	6,849.68

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New Car .....	\$	675.00	
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Fire Dept.:

Salaries and Insurance .....	\$	2,284.10	
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# Apparatus:

Gasoline .....	\$	97.66
Insurance .....		485.03
Repairing Alarm .....		93.73
Truck Repair .....		500.84
Equipment .....		645.76
Hose: .....	\$	308.59

# Other Expense:

Building Repairs .....	\$	1099.58
Telephone .....		119.06
Fuel and Light .....		762.39
Water .....		16.00
All other .....	31.19 \$	6,443.93

New Fire House .....	\$	582.24
Land and Recording Deed .....		800.00
Foam .....		375.00
Fog .....		221.30
Permanent Man .....		500.00
Hydrants .....	\$	3,290.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures ....	\$	125.00
Game Warden .....		75.00

# Forestry:

Moth Dept. ....	\$	899.66
Tree Warden .....		496.10
Forest Fires .....		1,345.05

# Health:

See Health Report .....	\$	3,458.98
New Car .....		625.00
Land and Recording Deed Dump .....		220.00
Cattle Inspector .....		150.00

Street Lights: .....	\$	6,938.77
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# Highway Department:

## Snow and Ice Removal:

Salaries .....	\$	3,400.10
Trucks .....		2,152.15
Repairs .....		1,218.18
Calcium Chloride .....		324.78
Sand .....		421.88

Gas and Oil .....	227.64	
Miscellaneous .....	5.25	\$ 7,749.98

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Town Roads:

Salary .....	\$ 437.23	
Grader .....	28.00	
Culverts .....	139.08	
Pipe .....	65.68	
Blasting .....	18.20	
Black Top .....	57.61	
Sand .....	152.19	
Repairs .....	77.14	
Fuel .....	41.75	\$ 1,016.88

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Chapter 81:

Salaries .....	\$ 10,571.31	
Town Equipment .....	1,764.01	
Hired Equipment .....	1,161.75	
Gravel and Sand .....	1,099.28	
Stone .....	1,985.98	
Asphalt .....	11,741.23	\$ 28,323.56

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Chapter 90:

Salaries .....	\$ 118.44	
Town Equipment .....	87.00	
Hired Equipment .....	72.00	
Gravel — Stone .....	640.02	
Asphalt .....	582.54	\$ 1,500.00

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Machinery Account:

Repairs and Upkeep .....	\$ 1,238.93	
Supplies .....	31.78	
Gasoline .....	365.81	
Kerosene .....	20.67	
Fleet Insurance .....	200.38	
Rent .....	300.00	\$ 2,157.57

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Stone Spreader .....	\$ 698.74	
Ford .....	2,303.03	
New Plows .....	650.00	
New Construction .....	19.55	

# Welfare Dept.:

Salaries .....	\$ 1,471.18	
Stationery and Postage .....	32.19	
Other Expense .....	218.00	
Cash Grants .....	976.38	
Board and Care .....	1,221.00	
Telephone .....	45.68	
Aid to Dep. Children .....	4,628.94	
Old Age Assistant .....	29,499.11	
Groceries .....	323.00	
Coal and Wood .....	24.10	
Medical .....	61.00	
State .....	379.50	
Town .....	91.90	
Burial Expense .....	100.00	
Infirmary .....	9,305.75	\$ 48,377.73

# Soldiers Benefits:

Administration .....	\$ 520.00	
Printing and Postage .....	87.40	
Military Aid .....	30.00	
World War II .....	347.50	
Medical .....	25.00	\$ 1,009.90

Schools: See Report .....	\$ 94,549.48
Vocational Tuition .....	677.20
Retirement Fund .....	181.60

# Public Library:

Salaries .....	\$ 1,519.78	
Books and Periodicals .....	641.96	
Fuel .....	377.45	
Light .....	162.34	
Transportation of Books .....	30.00	
Telephone .....	21.23	
Water .....	28.48	
Care Grounds .....	127.85	
Stationery and Postage .....	26.45	
All other .....	33.10	
Building Repairs .....	690.80	\$ 3,659.44

Town Common .....	\$ 298.63
Whitney Playground .....	454.09

Band Concerts .....	429.00
Publishing Town Reports .....	655.21
Memorial Day .....	269.95
Home Economics .....	10.00
Damage Claims .....	29.60
Recording Deed — Special Vote .....	4.50

Cemeteries:

Administration .....	\$	100.00	
Labor .....		2,768.85	
Equipment .....		47.05	
Supplies .....		106.91	\$ 3,022.81

New Fence .....	1,117.75
Burbeck Library Fund .....	1,000.00
Lecture .....	137.26
Outstanding bills .....	1,465.64

Refunds:

Taxes—Excise .....	\$	31.93	
Taxes—Poll .....		70.00	
Taxes—Real Estate .....		52.05	153.98

Sale Cemetery lots .....	20.00
Withholding tax .....	9,052.78

Bonds:

Metcalf Monument .....	\$	32.50	
Wilkins .....		35.00	
Cemetery .....		3,716.25	3,783.75
State Taxes .....			4,148.56
County Taxes .....			6,885.07
T. B. Hospital .....			989.56
Dog Licenses .....			478.80

Tailings .....	1.32
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Total expenditures .....	\$278,604.85
Balance on hand December 31, 1946 .....	119,048.73
	<u>\$397,653.58</u>

# TOWN OF WESTFORD—BALANCE SHEET

## ASSETS

### Cash:

In banks and office .....  
Accounts Receivable:  
Taxes

### Levy of 1946

Poll ..... 38.00  
Personal ..... 473.92  
Real Estate ..... 10,738.15

### Levy of 1945

Real Estate .....  
Motor Vehicle Excise .....  
Tax Title Possessions .....  
Tax Title Account .....

### Departmental:

Temporary Aid ..... 961.85  
Aid Dept. Children ..... 16.69  
Old Age Assistance ..... 89.11  
World War II ..... 75.00  
Infirmary ..... 251.21  
Health ..... 3.57  
Schools ..... 39.60  
Town Hall ..... 13.50  
Cemeteries' ..... 104.00

State Highways .....

7,883.57

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus

5,178.60

## LIABILITIES

Federal Tax Deductions .....

1005.61

Trust Fund Income:

Metcalf Monument ..... 5.21  
Whitney Playground ..... 25.73  
Whitney Shade Tree ..... 9.77  
Cemetery ..... 10.00  
Sale Cemetery lots ..... 128.20

178.91

Dog Taxes .....

31.20

Federal Grants:

Aid Dep. Children ..... 1,712.39  
Compensation Insurance ..... 202.55  
Fire Insurance ..... 1,432.44  
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

587.39  
17.98  
59.67

Snow Fighter ..... 12,000.00

Power Grader ..... 9,450.00  
Constr. Groton Road ..... 7,980.45  
Highway Equipment ..... 1,842.43  
Machinery Fund ..... 1,881.01  
New Fire House ..... 14,422.76  
Library ..... 105.01  
Cemetery ..... 165.94  
New Snow Plow ..... 295.00

\$ 48,142.60

136.55

Tailings .....

1,554.53

County Tax .....	\$ 183.50	Overlay Reserved For Abate- ments of Taxes:	
		Levy of 1945 .....	\$ 278.53
		Levy of 1946 .....	472.40
			<hr/> \$ 750.93
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax.....	202.55
		Tax Title .....	2,527.66
		Departmental .....	1,554.53
		State Highways .....	7,883.57
			<hr/> \$ 12,168.31
		Surplus Revenue .....	\$ 76,105.25
			<hr/> \$144,363.00

# TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash & Securities:		Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....	\$ 2,500.00
Principal .....	\$ 58,569.19	Library Trust Fund .....	12,706.08
Income .....	9,978.33	Fred Burbeck Library Fund .....	1,000.00
		Fletcher Lecture Fund .....	2,000.00
		Metcalf Monument Fund .....	1,300.00
		Wilkins Cemetery Fund .....	1,413.11
		Whitney Playground Fund .....	10,000.00
		Cemetery Perp. care Fund .....	27,650.00
			<hr/> 58,569.19
		Whitney Shade Tree Inc. ....	691.97
		Library Trust Fund Inc. ....	517.12
		Fletcher Lecture Fund Inc. ....	683.74

Metcalf Monument Fund Inc. ....	554.53	
Wilkins Fund Inc. ....	193.73	
Whitney Playground Fund Inc.....	537.78	
Cemetery Perp. Care Fund Inc.	6,799.46	9,978.33
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		\$ 68,547.52
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\$ 68,547.52		

# REPORT OF STATE AUDITOR

## TOWN OF WESTFORD — BALANCE SHEET, MARCH 18, 1946

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

#### ASSETS

Cash:	
In Banks and Office .....	
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1944:	\$ 1,516.38
Real Estate .....	
Levy of 1945:	
Poll .....	6.00
Personal .....	183.60
Real Estate .....	7,117.18
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:	
Levy of 1945 .....	184.71
Tax Titles .....	883.09
Tax Possessions .....	1,432.44
Departmental:	
Health .....	3.57
Temporary Aid .....	961.85
Aid to Dependent Children .....	899.36
Old Age Assistance .....	947.06
War Allowance .....	128.00
Cemetery .....	251.00
Revenue 1946 .....	214,521.83
Less Est. Receipts .....	13,863.57

#### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Withholding Taxes .....	\$ 364.81
Overestimate:—State Parks and Reservations 1945 .....	40.94
Due County:—Dog Licenses .....	19.20
Sale of Lots and Graves Fund .....	106.07
Trust Fund Income:	
Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....	9.77
Whitney Playground Fund .....	329.82
Metcalf Monument Fund .....	5.21
Tallings .....	137.87
Unexpended Federal Grants:	
Aid to Dependent Children .....	163.55
Old Age Assistance Adm. ....	33.31
Old Age Assistance .....	2,370.31
Appropriation Balances .....	2,567.17
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus .....	238,055.65
Overlays Reserved for Abate-ments:	
Levy of 1944 .....	\$ 1,516.38
Levy of 1945 .....	632.23
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax .....	184.71
Tax Titles and Possession .....	2,315.53
Departmental .....	3,190.84
	\$200,658.26

5,691.08

Underestimated—County Tax  
 1945 .....  
 Overdrawn Account—  
 Town Reports .....

17.02

25.21

\$307,256.20

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

Principal ..... \$ 58,569.19  
 Income ..... 9,841.86

Surplus Revenue ..... 54,117.78

\$307,256.20

Whitney Shade Tree Fund .....	\$ 2,500.00
Library Trust Funds .....	13,706.08
Emily Fletcher Library Lecture Fund .....	2,000.00
Whitney Playground Fund .....	10,000.00
Metcalf Monument Fund .....	1,300.00
Lyman E. Wilkins Cemetery Fund .....	1,413.11
Cemetery Perp. Care Fund .....	27,650.00
Whitney Shade Tree Fund Income .....	644.65
Library Trust Fund Income .....	611.94
Emily Fletcher Library Lecture Fund Income.....	775.80
Metcalf Monument Fund Income ..	514.26
Whitney Playground Fund Income	524.42
Lyman E. Wilkins Cemetery Fund Income .....	155.35
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Income .....	6,615.44

9,841.86

\$ 68,411.05

\$ 68,411.05

## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

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The board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1946:

The various Companies responded to thirty-six alarms other than Forest fires; namely, 8 house, 9 chimney, 2 camps, 5 trucks and cars, 2 false alarms, 1 chicken coop, 2 sheds, 3 oil stoves, 1 saw mill, 2 barns, 1 Electric Light pole. 44 forest or grass and 3 dump fires were answered making a total of 83 calls.

The Companies were called in to assist at three drownings and one electrocution.

Repairs were made to the roof of cottage and also back porch. This building should have a coat of paint this year.

Water leak in roof of Fire House at Westford was fixed and ceiling repaired. This building should be refinished inside this year.

The pump on the Forge Village truck, which originally was installed on the old White chassis in 1925, is badly worn and will not meet the Underwriters' requirements. This pump cannot be repaired to pass these tests and should be replaced as soon as possible.

When the present board of Engineers was appointed, one of their first acts was to meet with a representative of the National Board of Underwriters for the purpose of lowering the insurance rates in the Town. At this time the Town had a class D rating.

We were told that the following requirements would have to be met in order to improve this rating:

1. A centrally controlled alarm system would have to be installed.
2. A person would be required to be on duty at all times to operate the above system.
3. Three pumping engines of at least 500 gallons per minute capacity would have to be purchased. One pumper was to be located in each fire station.
4. A sufficient amount of hose was to be purchased to eventually have a complete change for each truck.

On the basis of the above requirements the Town was given a Class "C" rating with the provision that the Town would meet these requirements within a reasonable length of time.

In order to complete these requirements a new pumper must be purchased for the Graniteville station.

Plans and specifications were secured for a Fire House in Graniteville and bids were called for. Because of the increase in prices we were unable to build a fire house as all bids were for a larger amount than appropriated. Bids were rejected. We feel that the money should be left as is until such time as the house can be built for this amount.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND D. ROGERS,  
HAROLD E. WRIGHT,  
RICHARD W. HALL,  
Board of Fire Engineers.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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Balance on hand January 1, 1946 .....	\$117,745.33
Total receipts to December 31, 1946 .....	279,908.25
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	\$397,653.58
Balance on hand December 31, 1946 .....	\$119,048.73
Total payments to December 31, 1946 .....	278,604.85
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	\$397,653.58

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE P. GREIG,  
Treasurer.

## REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN

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To The Board of Selectmen,  
Westford, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

There were two large brush fires this year. One on West Street and one on Carlisle Road.

One thousand feet of new forestry hose was bought this year for \$300. At the present time the price is \$490 per one thousand feet.

Because of the expected raise in firemen's pay, I am asking \$1800 for this department.

Respectfully yours,

LEO R. LARKIN,  
Forest Warden.

## REPORT OF FISH AND GAME WARDEN

I hereby submit my annual report as Game Warden for the Town of Westford.

The following is the list of fish and game liberated in Westford for the year of 1946.

### LONG-SOUGHT-FOR POND

- 500 Rainbow—9-11 inches
- 500 Browns—9-11 inches
- 250 Brookies—9-12 inches—Spring
- 50 Browns—15-21 inches

### NASHOBA BROOK—(WESTFORD END)

- 600 Brookies—6-8 inches
- 150 Brookies—9-11 inches—Spring

### SNAKE MEADOW BROOK

- 500 Brookies—6-8 inches—Spring

### FORGE POND

- 2000 Small Mouth Black Bass—3 inches—July 26, 1946
- 4000 Yellow Perch—4-5 inches—November 6, 1946
- 35 Yellow Perch—7-9 inches
- 500 Horned Pout—6 inches
- 400 Calico Bass—4-5 inches

### KEYES POND

- 1000 Horned Pout—4-5 inches—November 2, 1946
- 3000 Yellow Perch—3 inches

### NABNASSET POND

- 4800 Horned Pout—4-5 inches—November 2, 1946
- 1200 Yellow Perch—3 inches
- 2000 Small Mouth Black Bass—3 inches—July 26, 1946

### BURGESS POND

- 1000 Horned Pout—4-5 inches—November 2, 1946
- 3000 Yellow Perch—3 inches

### TOWN OF WESTFORD COVERS

- 45 Pheasants—12-16 weeks old—September-October, 1946

In addition to what fish that are listed above, the Lowell Sportsmen's Club put about 1000 Rainbows into Long-Sought-For Pond this fall through the Federal Hatchery at Nashua, N. H.

This year two arrests were made for the carrying of firearms on Sunday. The defendants were tried and found guilty in the Ayer Court.

May I take this time to thank all for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND L. PROVOST,  
Game Warden for Westford.

## REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Westford  
I submit the following report for the year 1946:

Number of Platform Scales over 10,000 lbs. ....	3
Number of Platforms Scales under 5,000 lbs. ....	29
Number of Counter Scales under 100 lbs. ....	17
Number of Spring Scales under 100 lbs. ....	16
Number of Spring Scales over 100 lbs. ....	15
Number of Computing Scales under 100 lbs. ....	9
Number of Weights Sealed .....	91
Number of Gasolene Meters Sealed .....	15
Number of Gasolene Pumps Sealed .....	1
Number of Quantity Measures on Pumps .....	15
Number of Kerosene Pumps .....	5
Number of Grease Measuring Pumps .....	3
Number of Vehicle Tank Sealed .....	2
Number of Liquid Measures .....	6
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Total .....	227

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946

Values of Buildings, January 1, 1946 .....	\$ 2,564,960.00
Value of Land, January 1, 1946 .....	787,900.00
Value of Personal Property, January 1, 1946 .....	415,244.00
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Total Valuation .....	\$ 3,768,104.00

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1946

Annual Town Meeting, February 18, 1946 .....	\$ 258,835.02
Special Town Meeting, November 15, 1946 .....	7,631.35

Total Appropriation .....	\$ 266,466.37
State Taxes .....	4,056.27
County Taxes .....	7,800.44
1946 Overlay Fund .....	1,861.47

Total Amount to be Raised .....	\$ 280,184.55
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds .....	132,523.73
Total Amount to be Raised on Polls and Property .....	147,660.82
Total Excise Tax Commitments .....	\$ 4,479.79
Tax Rate \$38.60 per Thousand.	

Number of Polls .....	1,106
Number of Horses .....	47
Number of Cows .....	318
Number of Neat Cattle .....	67
Number of Swine .....	515
Number of Sheep and Goats .....	59
Number of Fowl .....	31,611
Number of Acres of Land .....	18,000
Number of Dwelling Houses .....	1,166

### ABATEMENTS

	Poll	Property	Excise
1944 .....	\$ 8.00	\$ 326.55	\$ 14.71
1945 .....	734.00	1,118.70	40.25
1946 .....	768.00	689.34	106.87

Respectfully submitted

JOHN J. O'CONNELL,  
SAMUEL A. FLETCHER,  
VICTOR B. DALY,

Assessors of Westford.

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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I herewith submit my report as Tax Collector for the Town of Westford for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Any questions in regard to the assessments of taxes should be presented to the Board of Assessors.

	Amount	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946
1944 Warrant Dated July 20, 1944 Real Estate	\$ 1,658.39	None
1945 Warrant Dated July 26, 1945 Real Estate	8,594.36	1,708.59
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Real Estate	100.80	3.60
1945 Warrant Dated July 26, 1945 Personal Property .....	254.42	None
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Personal Property .....	102.96	None
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Poll .....	12.00	None
1945 Warrant Dated Oct. 23, 1945 Excise .....	22.00	None
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Excise .....	917.55	None
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Excise .....	32.00	None
1945 Warrant Dated Dec. 20, 1945 Excise .....	4.00	None
1946 Warrant Dated May 24, 1946 Poll .....	2,212.00	32.00
1946 Warrant Dated Nov. 26, 1946 Poll .....	18.00	6.00
1946 Warrant Dated July 23, 1946 Personal Property .....	16,028.56	429.53
1946 Warrant Dated Nov. 26, 1946 Personal Property .....	57.90	44.39
1946 Warrant Dated July 23, 1946 Real Estate	129,420.23	10,622.35
1946 Warrant Dated Nov. 26, 1946 Real Estate	779.72	115.80
1946 Warrant Dated April 23, 1946 Excise .....	2,055.48	8.86
1946 Warrant Dated Aug. 7, 1946 Excise .....	1,150.93	77.41
1946 Warrant Dated Oct. 10, 1946 Excise .....	936.85	53.60
1946 Warrant Dated Nov. 26, 1946 Excise .....	296.53	65.05
 Totals .....	 \$164,654.68	
Total Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946 .....		\$ 13,167.18

DAVID I. OLSSON,

Tax Collector

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Following is the report of the Board of Health for the year ending December 31, 1946:

The usual pre-school clinics for vaccination and diphtheria toxoid injections were held. In addition the Board held extra clinics in order to give those children, previously immunized against diphtheria, complete protection by an additional diphtheria toxoid injection. Various clinics were held to determine the health of pre-school children by the Visiting Nurse Association under the auspices of the Board of Health.

Periodic inspections of milk and dairies were made during the year, and the general sanitation of the dairies and milk supply showed a marked improvement.

A new car was purchased for the use of the Public Health Nurse during this year, using the old car as part payment.

Strenuous endeavors were made to procure a school dentist during the year, with no result, due to shortage of dentists, and conditions over which the Board had no control.

The work and cooperation of the Public Health Nurse during the year was highly commendable as shown in her report to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRIL A. BLANEY, M. D.,  
Chairman

DWIGHT W. COWLES, M. D.,  
RALPH E. COLE, M. D.  
Secretary

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

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January 13, 1946

Cyril A. Blaney, M.D.  
Chairman, Board of Health,  
Westford, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Following is the report of the Public Health Nurse from January 1, to December 31, 1946:

Absentees from school visited in their homes.....	295
Children taken home from school because of illness....	40
Children taken to school physician .....	40
Contagious disease cases visited .....	123
Nursing visits .....	159
Home visits .....	125
To Crippled Children's Clinic at St. John's Hospital....	13
To Speech Clinic at St. John's Hospital .....	4
To St. John's Eye Clinic .....	37
To Physicians' Optical Co. ....	12
To Hospitals for Tonsil and Adenoid Operations.....	9
To Lowell General Pediatric Clinic .....	17
To St. John's Fracture Clinic .....	3
To St. John's Hospital for X-ray .....	1
To St. Joseph's Medical Clinic .....	2
To Children's Hospital, Boston .....	1
To St. John's Hospital for admission .....	1
To St. Joseph's Hospital for admission .....	1
To Lowell General Hospital for admission .....	1
To Crocker Nursing Home for admission .....	1
To Gardner State Hospital .....	2
To Dr. Blaney's office for treatment .....	3
To Middlesex County Sanatorium for X-ray .....	53
To Middlesex County Sanatorium for treatment .....	16
To Middlesex County Sanatorium to be admitted.....	3
Public Health Meetings Attended .....	9
Board of Health Permits issued.	
Milk specimens collected and taken to laboratory.	
Diphtheria Immunization Clinics conducted by Board of Health:	
Number of innoculations, three injections each.....	107
Unfinished cases .....	18
Booster doses .....	92
Vaccinations .....	31

Contagious Diseases reported to the Westford Board  
of Health:

Chicken Pox .....	62
Dog Bite .....	9
Lobar Pneumonia .....	2
Measles .....	6
Mumps .....	76
Scarlet Fever .....	2
Septic Sore Throat .....	4
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .....	1
Whooping Cough .....	13
Gonorrhea .....	1
Syphilis .....	1

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HEALY, R. N.

EXPENDITURES HEALTH DEPARTMENT—1946

Administration:

Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 65.00
All Other .....	38.78

Contagious Diseases:

Medicine and Medical Attendance .....	12.00
Tuberculosis, Board and Treatment .....	532.50
Nurse's Salary .....	1,670.00
Auto, Upkeep .....	211.53
Insurance .....	28.96
Dump, Labor .....	338.00
Milk .....	7.00
Camp Inspections .....	30.00
Vaccination and Diphtheria Immunization	
Clinics .....	452.72
All Other .....	72.48
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	\$ 3,458.97
Balance .....	41.03

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

New Board of Health Car (1945 Appropriation) \$	625.00
Dump:	
Land .....	170.00
Expenses—Title on Land .....	50.00
Cattle Inspector .....	150.00
Tuberculosis Hospital .....	989.56
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	\$ 1,984.56

# RECEIPTS HEALTH DEPARTMENT—1946

Milk Dealers' Permits .....	\$	13.00	
Oleomargarine Permits .....		3.50	
Permit to Manufacture Ice Cream .....		5.00	
Camp Licenses .....		2.00	
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	\$		23.50

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

### TEMPORARY AID

Appropriated .....	\$ 13,250.00	
Transferred .....	1,000.00	\$ 14,250.00
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Expended—Infirmery .....	\$ 9,305.75	
Temporary Aid .....	4,943.93	
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Total Expended .....		\$ 14,249.68
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Balance .....		\$ .32
Amount Received from:		
State .....	\$ 138.79	
Other Towns .....	147.40	
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Total Received .....		\$ 286.19

The present case load on Temporary Aid is four cases comprising eight persons. There have been five Westford-settled persons at the Tewksbury Infirmery during the year which cost \$823.50. Three children are being cared for by the Division of Child Guardianship amounting to \$770.00, and Out-of-Town relief totalled \$91.90 for the year. There are eight inmates at the Infirmery at this time. Four of these are boarded here by other towns at \$9.00 per week.

The following is the case load of the department by months:

January .....	6
February .....	6
March .....	5
April .....	4
May .....	4
June .....	4
July .....	3
August .....	3
September .....	3
October .....	3
November .....	3
December .....	4

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriated .....	\$ 3,700.00	
Federal Grants Received .....	1,593.40	
1945 Federal Grant Balance .....	163.55	
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Total .....		\$ 5,456.95

Expended .....	4,532.20
Balance .....	\$ 924.75
Administration Received—Federal .....	96.74
Administration Expended .....	96.74
Amount Received from State .....	1,540.65

This form of aid given to widows with minor children or incapacitated parents of minor children remained about the same as last year. Reimbursement from the Federal Government has increased to \$24.00 monthly for first eligible child and \$15.00 monthly for each additional child. The following is the monthly case load.

January .....	6 families, 21 children
February .....	6 families, 21 children
March .....	5 families, 17 children
April .....	5 families, 18 children
May .....	5 families, 18 children
June .....	5 families, 18 children
July .....	5 families, 18 children
August .....	5 families, 18 children
September .....	5 families, 17 children
October .....	6 families, 19 children
November .....	6 families, 19 children
December .....	6 families, 19 children

#### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriated .....	\$ 15,400.00
Federal Grants Received .....	12,509.67
1945 Balance .....	1,063.30
Refunds .....	54.40
Total .....	\$ 29,027.37
Expended .....	\$ 29,082.13
Deficit December 31, 1946 .....	54.76
Administration Received—Federal .....	416.98
Administration Expended .....	416.98
Received from State .....	10,667.19

The case load on Old Age Assistance increased during the year ending with 62 cases. Changes in the law regarding children's liability became effective January 1, 1946 and this provided for a higher exemption for children before they have a legal liability to support their parents. This change in law however does not affect the basic responsibility of the Board of Public Welfare to determine the ability

of children to assist their parents financially. Beginning October 1, 1946 the Federal Government matching increased from one-half up to \$40.00 spent on each case to one-half up to \$45.00. Two-thirds is received from the state on remaining settled cases, and total reimbursement on unsettled cases. The following is the monthly case load:

January .....	59
February .....	57
March .....	58
April .....	57
May .....	60
June .....	63
July .....	62
August .....	61
September .....	59
October .....	60
November .....	62
December .....	62

Respectfully submitted,

EILEEN McGLINCHEY,

Agent.

#### INFIRMARY DEBITS

Superintendent's Salary .....	\$ 1,536.00
Employees' Wages .....	900.00
Provisions .....	1,198.54
Clothing .....	108.36
Tobacco .....	56.76
Gas and Electricity .....	201.64
Fuel .....	68.22
Coal .....	186.36
Telephone .....	73.25
Medical .....	193.00
Burial .....	100.00
Water Bill .....	51.30
Gasoline .....	226.55
Truck Insurance .....	39.97
Hay, Grain and Feed .....	3,405.34
Seed and Fertilizer .....	57.69
Sawdust and Shavings .....	14.35
Garbage .....	8.00
Slaughtering .....	5.00
Bull .....	85.00
Blacksmith .....	19.00

Veterinary .....	23.00	
Egg boxes and paper bags .....	25.25	
Food Locker .....	111.91	
Supplies .....	271.04	
Repairs .....	268.59	
Appraisers .....	15.00	
Miscellaneous .....	56.63	
		<hr/> \$ 9,305.75

#### INFIRMARY CREDITS

Milk .....	\$ 5,382.14	
Eggs .....	724.38	
Potatoes .....	173.25	
Cucumbers .....	2.25	
Corn .....	43.20	
Asparagus .....	52.70	
Calves .....	97.00	
Pigs .....	24.00	
Fowl .....	129.35	
Hay .....	55.00	
Silage .....	27.45	
Soil Conservation .....	21.50	
Milk Refund .....	51.90	
Teaming and Outside Labor .....	592.75	
Bags .....	70.33	
Telephone .....	1.55	
Sawing Wood .....	62.00	
Bull Service .....	12.00	
Use of Potato Digger .....	12.00	
Trade Beef Cow .....	25.00	
Board—Other Towns .....	1,613.83	
		<hr/> \$ 9,173.58
Wood .....	\$ 40.00	
Board and Care of Inmates .....	2,268.00	
Children boarded during emergencies .....	45.00	
22 Meals to Men in Lockup .....	11.00	
Clothing, tobacco, medical .....	358.12	
		<hr/> \$ 2,722.12
		<hr/> \$ 11,895.70

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. WALL,  
SAMUEL A. RICHARDS,  
REGINALD BLOWEY,  
Board of Public Welfare.

## WESTFORD INFIRMARY APPRAISAL

1	Fifteen Cords Manure .....	\$ 120.00
2	One Manure Spreader .....	100.00
3	One-Horse Hay Rake .....	25.00
4	One Sulky Plow .....	45.00
5	One Two-Horse Disc Harrow .....	35.00
6	One Potato Digger .....	65.00
7	Four Wagons and Two Sleds .....	75.00
8	One Tip Cart .....	75.00
9	Lumber .....	175.00
10	One Drag (steel head) .....	8.00
11	One Lime Spreader .....	20.00
12	One Power Sprayer .....	60.00
13	One Two-Horse Corn Planter .....	50.00
14	One Two-Horse Cultivator .....	27.00
15	One Hay Tedder .....	25.00
16	One Tractor Harrow .....	55.00
17	One Spring Tooth Harrow .....	10.00
18	One Smoothing Harrow .....	3.00
19	One Seedsover and Weeder .....	35.00
20	Two One-Horse Cultivators .....	6.00
21	Two Walking Plows .....	15.00
22	One Two-Horse Hoe .....	10.00
23	One Ford Tractor .....	600.00
24	One Tractor Plow .....	100.00
25	One Tractor Pulley .....	30.00
26	One Tractor Cultivator .....	135.00
27	One Root Cutter .....	5.00
28	Blacksmith Tools .....	20.00
29	One Feed Cooker .....	5.00
30	One Galvanized Tank .....	5.00
31	One Saw Frame and Two Saws .....	25.00
32	Grindstone and Mowing Machine Grinder .....	15.00
33	One Gas Tank and Gasoline .....	30.00
34	One Two-Horse Mowing Machine .....	100.00
35	Four Swine .....	165.00
36	Wood .....	175.00
37	175 Laying Hens .....	350.00
38	Milk Room and Milking Equipment .....	650.00
39	Thirteen Cows .....	2,800.00
40	One Bull .....	90.00
41	Two Heifers .....	150.00
42	Forty-two Tons Ensilage .....	420.00

43	Grain .....	90.00
44	Twenty-four Grain Bags .....	6.00
45	One Corn Harvester .....	100.00
46	One Ensilage Cutter .....	125.00
47	One One-Horse Corn Planter .....	15.00
48	One Motor Truck .....	300.00
49	Two Wheel Barrows .....	10.00
50	Harness and Blankets .....	70.00
51	Two Horses .....	300.00
52	One-Horse Hay Fork .....	25.00
53	Twenty-five Tons Hay .....	625.00
54	Chains, Eveners and Whiffletrees .....	35.00
55	Farm Tools .....	100.00
56	Block and Tackle .....	7.50
57	Snow Plow .....	5.00
58	One Extension and Three Stepladders .....	15.00
59	One Planet Junior Seeder .....	10.00
60	Three Chicken Crates .....	5.00
61	One Gas Stove .....	3.00
62	Two Cross Cut Saws .....	7.50
63	Carpenter's Tools .....	35.00
64	Garden Hose and Lawn Mower .....	12.00
65	Fire Hose and Nozzle .....	56.00
66	Work Shop Material .....	10.00
67	One Electric Drill .....	30.00
68	Brooder Equipment .....	30.00
69	Soft Coal .....	140.00
70	Milk Separator .....	65.00
71	Platform Scales .....	15.00
72	50 Gallons Fuel Oil .....	5.00
73	15 Gallons Motor Oil .....	15.00

#### HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT

Superintendent's Furniture .....	\$	350.00
Kitchen and Pantry .....		675.00
Inmates' Furniture .....		375.00
Contents of Attic .....		60.00
Canned Goods and Empty Jars .....		225.00
Provisions .....		300.00
Potatoes .....		90.00
Blankets, Sheets and Towels .....		130.00

Dry Goods .....	50.00
STOCK AND FARM EQUIPMENT .....	9,176.00
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT .....	2,255.00

FISHER BUCKSHORN

JAMES KELLY,

FRED R. BLODGETT,

Westford Infirmary Appraisers

## REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

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Food Production was of the utmost importance during 1946 and the main effort of the Extension Service was along this line. Through meetings, radio, farm and home visits, county bulletin, news releases and calls in person and by telephone at the office, assistance was given to as many people as possible.

Fruit growers this year were interested especially in knowing more about frost damage and its prevention and the latest materials to use in spraying to overcome insects and diseases. Because of the wet season, there was a severe infestation of scab and growers required all the assistance possible to produce a good quality crop. Twilight meetings of interest to local growers were held in various parts of the county. Information was sent out to local papers and through town libraries as well as over the radio to help all those interested in home gardens.

Three projects were emphasized to assist those interested in poultry—namely, Better Use of Ranges; Brooding and Rearing; Disease Control and Sanitation.

Of interest to dairymen, the Selective Breeding Association and the Herd Improvement Association were developed and expanded during the year.

Because of the many food shortages experienced during the year, homemakers were given assistance to help them in problems in feeding their families the right foods essential to health despite the shortages. Demonstrations and illustrated talks were given on: When Meat is Scarce; Sugar-Saving Desserts; Use of Available Foods; Oil-Sparing Salad Dressings. Homemakers were interested in clothing renovation and Short Cuts and Speed Tricks in clothing construction. Food preservation was the main project followed during the summer to assist homemakers in the best procedure to insure satisfaction in home canning and preparation of foods for freezing.

4-H Club work was carried on under the direction of the 4-H Committee of which Mrs. Willard Moore was chairman, who also made home visits to agricultural club members during the summer. Clothing clubs were led by Mrs. Mary Van Norden, Mrs. Dorothy Mann, and Miss Ethel Cleary. Peter Perry completed his twentieth year as a leader of a handicraft club at school. There were two agricultural clubs—one at the Frost School and one at the Academy, which met once a month in school time with the County Club Agent.

These clubs were for boys interested in gardening, poultry, and livestock. Mrs. Moore was one of four mothers who made Camp Middlesex possible this past summer by being the cook for two weeks. George Fletcher was awarded \$5. by the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture on his dairy work, while Lawrence Shea received \$5. on his pig club work from the same organization. George Fletcher was also awarded a prize by the Middlesex North Agricultural Society on garden work. Edwin Nixon did the outstanding work in the town, being the county winner in the National Poultry Contest, for which he was awarded a medal and a \$25. Savings Bond. He was awarded a prize by the Middlesex North Agricultural Society on his garden work and was first prize winner in a State Poultry Judging Contest held at State College and a member of the county team, which was second. He was third in the Boston Poultry Show Judging Contest. He exhibited a dozen eggs at Worcester and was awarded the sweepstakes prize, receiving \$8. and 25 baby chicks on one dozen eggs.

MRS. WARREN NIXON,

Director.

## REPORT OF THE WESTFORD PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

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There has been no change in the routine activities of this Committee since the last annual report.

Care and upkeep of the Lawns and shrubbery, as well as Tennis Court and Baseball field has been attended to in the usual efficient manner of Mr. John D. Peterson whose long service merits our commendation.

The financial report of your committee is shown in the Town Accountants record.

New equipment for the Tennis Court, painting the flag pole and fixing up the baseball diamond were additional items of expense this year.

Increased labor costs are items of additional expense that your committee may have to deal with during the ensuing year.

JOHN FISHER,  
CHARLES L. HILDRETH,  
MORRIS A. HALL.  
Whitney Playground Committee.

# REPORT OF THE WESTFORD WATER COMPANY

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Balance December 31, 1945 .....	\$191,530.39
Additions during year 1946 .....	3,290.16
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	\$194,820.55
By Credits during year 1946 .....	1,011.66
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	\$193,808.89

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
FROM JANUARY 1, 1946 TO DECEMBER 31, 1946  
(Cash Basis)

## RECEIPTS

Hydrants .....	\$ 3,290.00	
Public Buildings, Playgrounds, etc .....	368.08	
Subscribers .....	17,324.52	
Service .....	256.71	
Sundry Receipts .....	319.70	
Interest .....	455.70	\$ 22,014.71

## EXPENSES

Wages and Salaries .....	\$ 5,910.25	
Expense Account and Supplies .....	6,244.18	
Electric Power and Light .....	2,224.79	
Taxes .....	3,624.22	
Service .....	607.90	
Depreciation .....	3,448.14	
Interest .....	126.73	\$ 22,186.21

Net Loss for the year ending December 31, 1946	\$ 171.50
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WILLIAM R. TAYLOR,  
Treasurer.

Westford, Massachusetts,  
January 20, 1947

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
Middlesex, ss.

Then personally appeared William R. Taylor and made oath that the above is a true statement of the cost of construction of the Westford Water Company to December 31, 1946 and of the Receipts and Expenditures from January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946, before me.

WINTHROP W. SARGENT,  
Notary Public.

# REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE NEED OF NEW SCHOOLS IN WESTFORD

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The Committee centered its inquiry around three questions:

1. What is the physical condition of our school building?
2. Is the available space adequate for a good school program?
3. Will the present buildings be adequate five or ten years from now?

It has obtained the data presented below through interviews with the school principals, a thorough investigatory tour of the Academy building, and through Committee discussions.

**What is the condition of our present plant?**

Our school buildings are in about as good condition as the age and type of structure permits. All buildings are relatively old, being built about fifty years ago though remodelling was done at the Academy in 1927, Cameron School in 1927, Frost School in 1938, and Sargent School in 1924.

**Is the available space adequate for a good school program?**

The answer to this question for the Academy is definitely negative. In the elementary schools the answer is mostly in the affirmative.

## **Academy**

Here we find a building which was built for an enrollment of about eighty pupils serving an enrollment of one hundred eighty-six today. This building is definitely over-crowded and will be more so in the near future.

## **Classrooms**

There are only four good classrooms. In addition there is a small laboratory and three improvised classrooms which were made by partitioning the old gymnasium on the third floor. None of the latter can be called adequate.

Areas and capacities of various rooms:

<i>Room</i>	<i>Dimensions</i>	<i>Pupil stations</i>
1	Sup'ts office	
2	small conference room	
3	32 x 25	35
4	32 x 25	35

5	32 x 25	35
6	32 x 25	35
7	small laboratory	
8	commercial room	18
9	24 x 18	25
10	25 x 25 (available space)	25
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Total		208

#### Lunch rooms

No space is available for a lunch room. Pupils bring their lunches and eat them in the classrooms. A cafeteria is badly needed as only a handful of pupils live near enough to go home for a warm lunch.

#### Study halls

The only space available for study purposes is the gymnasium-auditorium. This forestalls any chance of having physical education classes and seriously interferes with the use of the room for school assemblies, athletics, music, dramatics, and other school activities where an auditorium is needed.

#### Gymnasium

The gymnasium is inadequate. The floor space would serve fairly well if other space were available for seating the spectators who attend athletic games. The crowded conditions at basketball games create serious problems for which there is no solution other than the banning of all spectators except the Academy pupils. Inasmuch as a large part of the athletic program is financed through basketball game admissions, such action would create financial difficulties and also be next to impossible to enforce.

One of the greatest drawbacks in the present gymnasium is the impossibility of shutting it off from the rest of the building thus making adequate policing next to impossible. The same toilet facilities are used by both teams and the general public, and access to them is possible only through the team locker rooms, an intolerable situation with a large crowd.

#### Locker and shower rooms

Shower and locker rooms are altogether inadequate. Visiting and home teams have to use the same locker room which is too small for even one team. Only two shower stalls are available, six or eight are needed. These rooms are impossible to heat in the cold weather. The above describes both the boys' and girls' facilities.

### **Domestic science rooms**

There is a real need and demand for courses in domestic science subjects. At present there isn't a room that can be made available for these courses.

### **Manual arts**

Many of our pupils need prevocational training. No space is available.

### **Cameron School**

For the most part space is available in this building. The building can care for 240 pupils. The present enrollment is 161 pupils housed in eight rooms.

The one big lack in Cameron School is the absence of auditorium space. It is important to hold school assemblies on various occasions for various purposes but such gatherings are impossible in Cameron School as no large room is available.

### **Sargent School**

This building has eight rooms with a capacity of 240 pupils and has an enrollment of 202. In general this building is fairly adequate.

### **Frost School**

Frost School has six rooms, none of which should house more than 25 pupils. Thirty or more pupil stations are jammed into these classrooms and when fully occupied make the rooms uncomfortably crowded.

The problem in Frost School is the housing of eight grades in six rooms. When any two classes, such as grades 3 and 4, have over 15 pupils in each, it becomes next to impossible to seat the children. A run of relatively large consecutive classes would create serious difficulties and such may well happen.

### **Nabnasset**

This building has two excellent classrooms each capable of seating thirty pupils.

### **Will the present buildings be adequate five or ten years from now?**

In all probability this question can be answered in the affirmative in Sargent and Cameron Schools. In the Academy and Frost Schools the answers are definitely negative.

The Academy building has a maximum homeroom seating space of 208 pupils without further cutting down the already limited working space. The present registration in lower grades indicates an Academy enrollment of 236 pupils five years from now. Westford is due to grow as a residential town and any growth at all will create an enrollment jam that cannot be handled in our present Academy building.

The present enrollment of 186 pupils is close to maximum seating conditions and a few more pupils will create an intolerable situation in the scheduling of rooms for classes.

**Enrollment by grades October 1, 1946**

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PG	Totals
Cameron	13	20	25	24	23	17	21	18						161
Frost	21	28	22	20	16	17	19	12						155
Sargent	20	28	31	28	26	28	22	19						202
Nab.	8	9	5											22
Academy									53	49	42	38	4	186
Totals	62	85	83	72	65	62	62	49	53	49	42	38	4	726

Frost School has six classrooms housing eight grades. A continued entering class of twenty-five pupils for three years would make it impossible to crowd eight grades into this building.

**Conclusions**

1. More schoolroom space is needed now and will be needed badly in the near future as Westford increases in population.
2. Several additions to the school program are needed; manual arts, domestic science, a cafeteria, and better gymnasium facilities. None is possible under the present conditions.
3. While it was not the duty of our Committee to plan a building or school program, our discussions constantly arrived at the need for concentrating our school facilities. The anticipated crowding at Frost School could be averted by the construction of a six-year secondary school.
4. A building committee should be appointed at once as it will take several years to prepare adequately for a new building. Good planning is important and should be carefully done.

**Serving on JOINT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE NEED OF NEW SCHOOLS IN WESTFORD**

Chester V. Sweatt, Chairman.

Edward Harrington  
 E. Kent Allen  
 Oliver A. Reeves  
 Nicholas Sudak, Sr.

Frederick Gatenby  
 William Kelly  
 F. Stanley Smith  
 Robert Hunter  
 H. Arnold Wilder  
 Edgar Peterson

Appointed by  
 Moderator Ben Drew

School Board

## **REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

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The Westford Cemetery Commissioners submit the following report for the year ending 1946.

The fence at Westlawn Cemetery has been completed at an expense of \$1117.75. We have taken in the additional land belonging to the Cemetery and have graded and seeded same.

The other Cemeteries have been taken care of as well as possible under the prevailing labor situation.

SEBASTIAN WATSON, Chairman

FRED R. BLODGETT

AXEL G. LUNDBERG

Cemetery Commissioners

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE EMILY F. FLETCHER LECTURE FUND

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To the Citizens of Westford,

The bequest received by the town in 1923 from Miss Emily F. Fletcher for lectures on Natural History and Travel enabled the Trustees to present Martin K. Bovey on the afternoon and evening of May the eighth when he showed his colored movies and told of his experience with a pack train in Alberta. These two lectures which he had entitled Timber Line were held in the Westford Town Hall. An audience of one hundred and fifty children enjoyed the privilege of hearing Mr. Bovey due to the efforts of Mr. Sweatt, Superintendent of Schools and the cooperation of the bus drivers. The beautiful pictures of mountain peaks, Alpine flowers, birds and animals gave pleasure to all those who attended and the talks were much in accordance with Miss Fletcher's wishes in leaving the bequest.

Fee of Martin K. Bovey \$125.00.

Receipts from the lectures \$26.65.

Minor expenses \$30.07.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. ROUDENBUSH

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR

ALICE M. HOWARD, Secretary

MAY E. DAY

ALBERT C. COOK

# REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

The Finance Committee has held the customary meetings and given all the articles in the Warrant careful consideration and recommend the appropriation of the various sums as tabulated below:

General Government — 5.95% of total				
Article	Appropriation	Voted and Transfrd. 1946	Amount Expended	Amt.Asked for 1947
				Recom- mended for 1947
GENERAL				
3- 1	Selectmen .....	\$ 925.00	\$ 921.64	\$ 925.00
	License Expense .....	75.00	48.25	75.00
	Accountant .....	1,175.00	1,144.75	1,175.00
	Treasurer .....	1,850.00	1,848.29	1,850.00
	Assessors .....	1,200.00	1,188.67	1,500.00
	Tax Collector .....	1,850.00	1,825.85	1,750.00
	Tax Title Expenses .....	700.00	533.15	750.00
	Town Counsel .....	300.00	300.00	300.00
	Town Clerk .....	750.00	558.60	700.00
	Election and Registration .....	1,850.00	1,828.60	1,050.00
3- 2	Town Hall .....	3,400.00	3,321.83	4,300.00
Protection of Persons and Property — 13.47% of total				
POLICE				
3- 3	General Expenses .....	6,849.68	6,849.68	7,675.00

# Article Appropriation

## FIRE

3-4	Permanent Man .....	500.00	500.00	500.00 ✓
3-8	General Expense .....	6,444.27	6,443.93	8,000.00 ✓
3-24	Forest Fires .....	1,400.00	1,345.05	1,800.00 ✓
3-5	Fire Insurance .....	1,700.00	2,634.45	2,650.00 ✓
25	Hydrants .....	3,350.00	3,290.00	3,350.00 ✓
17	Additional Hydrants .....			105.00
16	Oil Burner in Westford Fire House.....			375.00
18	Painting Westford Firehouse Cottage.....			400.00 ✓
19	New Fire Apparatus .....			6,000.00
20	New Pump and Repairs Fire Truck .....			2,500.00 ✓
3-6	Purchase of Fire Hose .....			625.00 ✓
3-11	Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	125.00	125.00	125.00 ✓
3-10	Moth Department .....	900.00	899.66	900.00 ✓
3-7	Tree Warden .....	500.00	496.10	500.00 ✓
	Fish and Game Warden .....	75.00	75.00	75.00 ✓

## Health and Sanitation — 1.72% of total

3-12	Board of Health .....	3,500.00	3,458.97	4,000.00 ✓
3-13	Cattle Inspector .....	150.00	150.00	150.00 ✓

## Highway Department — 14.66% of total

3-14	Snow and Ice Removal .....	7,962.86	7,962.86	11,000.00 ✓
3-27	Street Lights .....	7,085.00	6,938.77	7,085.00
27-28-29	Additional Lights .....			54.00 ✓

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Article	Appropriation	Voted and Transfrd. 1946	Amount Expended	Amt. Asked for 1947	Recommended for 1947
3-14	Town Roads .....	1,500.00	1,016.88	2,000.00	2,000.00 ✓
5	Chapter 81 Roads .....	28,350.00	28,323.56	10,125.00	10,125.00 ✓
6	Chapter 90 Roads .....	3,000.00	1,500.00	500.00	500.00 ✓
10	Equipment .....	4,000.00	2,157.57	276.56	276.56 ✓
13	Chapter 90 Construction .....	2,000.00	19.55	2,000.00	2,000.00 ✓
14	New Truck .....	2,400.00	2,303.03	2,400.00	2,400.00 ✓
	Charities — 14.68% of total				
3-15	Old Age Assistance .....	16,088.46	16,088.46	17,000.00	17,000.00 ✓
	Aid to Dependent Children .....	3,700.00	3,362.64	3,500.00	3,500.00 ✓
	Temporary Aid & Infirmary .....	14,250.00	14,249.68	15,000.00	15,000.00 ✓
	Soldiers Benefits — 1.28% of total				
3-16	Soldiers Benefits .....	3,600.00	1,009.90	3,000.00	3,000.00 ✓
36	Director of Veterans Relief .....			100.00	100.00
	Schools — 42.15% of total				
3-17	School Department .....	94,550.88	94,549.48	101,100.00	101,100.00 ✓
3-18	Vocational Tuition .....	1,000.00	677.20	1,400.00	800.00 ✓
3-19	Library .....	3,000.00	3,659.44	3,200.00	3,200.00 ✓
	Recreation — 0.41% of total				
3-20	Care of Common .....	300.00	298.63	300.00	300.00 ✓
8	Whitney Playground .....	300.00	454.09	300.00	300.00 ✓
9	Band Concerts .....	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00 ✓

Article	Appropriation	Voted and Transfrd. 1946	Amount Expended	Amt.Asked for 1947	Recom- mended for 1947
	Unclassified — 3.15% of total				
3- 9	Town Forest .....	100.00		50.00	50.00 ✓
3-22	Town Reports .....	655.21	655.21	800.00	800.00 ✓
3-21	Memorial Day .....	300.00	269.95	300.00	300.00 ✓
3-23	Compensation Insurance .....	879.55	861.57	1,000.00	1,000.00 ✓
11	County Extension .....	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00 ✓
22	Celebration of Returned Veterans .....			1,000.00	1,000.00 ✓
3-28	Finance Reserve .....	3,000.00	2,918.89	3,000.00	3,000.00 ✓
3-28	Finance Board Expense .....	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00 ✓
3-29	Outstanding Bills .....	1,465.64	1,465.64		
21	Cleaning & Maintenance of Water Holes .....			500.00	500.00 ✓
23	Repairing Sidewalks .....			500.00	500.00
24	Control of Poison Ivy .....			350.00	350.00
35	Publishing of Town By-Laws .....			150.00	150.00
	Cemeteries — 1.20% of total				
3-26	Salaries & Wages .....	3,212.46	3,046.52	2,900.00	2,900.00 ✓
	Maturing Debt and Interest — 0.01%				
3-25	Int. Revenue Loans .....	25.00		25.00	25.00 ✓
	State and County Taxes .....	\$240,314.01	\$231,362.54	\$244,564.53	\$244,415.56
	Estimated Receipts .....				12,000.00
	To be raised by Taxation .....				\$256,415.56
					90,000.00
					\$166,415.56

- Art. 4. It is recommended that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue.
- Art. 12. It is recommended that the gift in this Article be accepted and that a vote of appreciation be extended to the donor.
- Art. 17. The purchase of an oil burner at the Westford Fire House is not recommended for the savings resulting do not seem to warrant the expense at this time.
- Art. 26. This article is not recommended by the Finance Committee.
- Art. 30. It is recommended that the gift of land and the war memorial in Graniteville, as provided under this article, be accepted by the Town and a vote of appreciation be extended to the donors.
- Art. 31. This article is recommended by the Finance Committee.
- Art. 32. This article is recommended by the Finance Committee.
- Art. 33. This article is not recommended by the Finance Committee as it is the belief that the Excess and Deficiency account should be utilized for Capital expenditures rather than for current expenses.
- Art. 35. The Finance Committee recommends that in the event of the passage of a new set of By-Laws, that they be published.
- Art. 36. This article is recommended by the Finance Committee only because it is a state law.

If the above recommendations of the Finance Committee are adhered to the tax rate will approximate \$44.20 per thousand dollars of valuation. For every appropriation increase of \$1,000.00 the tax rate will increase approximately 26½ cents.

Respectfully submitted,

E. KENT ALLEN, Chairman  
W. OTIS DAY  
HERFORD N. ELLIOTT  
EVERETT SCOTT  
ALBERT FORTY  
JOHN L. SHEA

# **TOWN OF WESTFORD WARRANT**

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## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,**

Middlesex, ss

To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County,

### **GREETINGS:**

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at their several polling places, viz:

PRECINCT 1. Town Hall, Westford Center

PRECINCT 2. Abbot Hall, Graniteville

PRECINCT 3 Nabnasset School, Brookside

PRECINCT 4. Abbot Hall, Forge Village

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1947**

being the second Monday in said month, at 12:00 o'clock noon for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes for the following officers:

### **For Three Years**

One Selectman

One Member of the Board of Public Welfare

One Assessor

Two Members of the School Committee

One Member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

One Trustee of the Public Library

One Member of the Board of Health

One Treasurer

One Collector of Taxes

### **For One Year**

One Moderator

One Constable

One Tree Warden

And to vote upon the following question: "Shall the provisions of Section forty of Chapter seventy-one of the General Laws as amended, relative to equal pay for men and women teachers be in force in this Town?"

All on one ballot.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 8 P. M., and to meet in the Town Hall at Westford Center on the following

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1947

at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz:

ART. 1. To hear the reports of Town Officers and Committees; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 2. To determine the salary and compensations of elected officers and officials as provided by law.

ART. 3. To appropriate money to meet the costs and expenses of the following departments, officers and purposes:

1. General Government
2. Town Hall
3. Police Department
4. Fire Department
5. Hydrants
6. Sealer of weights and measures
7. Fish and Game Warden
8. Forest Fires
9. Town Forest
10. Tree Warden
11. Moth Department
12. Health Department
13. Cattle Inspector
14. Highway purposes
15. Department of Public Welfare
16. Soldiers' Benefits
17. School Department
18. Vocational tuition
19. Public Library
20. Care of Common
21. Commemoration on Memorial Day
22. Publishing of Town Reports
23. Compensation Insurance
24. Fire Insurance
25. Interest on Revenue Loans
26. Cemeteries
27. Street Lights
28. Finance Committee Reserve Fund
29. Unpaid bills of previous years.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within

one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway maintenance; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agent in any suit or suits which may arise during the current year, with authority to settle and adjust claims or demands for or against the Town, and to employ counsel whenever in their judgment it is advisable so to do; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the care of the Whitney Playground; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred (\$400.) Dollars, or some other sum, for Band Concerts during the current year; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Highway Equipment Account; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten (\$10.) Dollars and elect a Director, under the provisions of Section 40 to 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, as amended; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift made to it during the year 1946 by the Solomon Hyams Fund, Inc., or act in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of reconstructing Groton Road contingent upon the State and County contributing towards the cost of said reconstruction; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Hundred (\$2400.) Dollars, or some other

sum, for the purpose of purchasing a new truck for the Highway Department, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 15. In the event of an affirmative vote under Article 14, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell two trucks now used by the Highway Department and apply the sum received therefor against the purchase price of the new truck; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred (\$400.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of making repairs to and painting the fire house cottage, so called, at Westford Center; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of purchasing and installing an oil burner in the Fire House at Westford Center, said purchase and installation to be made under the supervision of the Board of Fire Engineers; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck having a pumping capacity of five hundred gallons per minute, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Fire Engineers; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Hundred \$(2500.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the purpose of purchasing and installing in the fire truck now stationed at Forge Village a new pump having a pumping capacity of five hundred gallons per minute; said purchase and installation to be made under the supervision of the Board of Fire Engineers; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of purchasing five hundred feet, or some other quantity, of new 2½ inch double jacket treated fire hose, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Fire Engineers; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the cleaning and maintenance of the several water holes or reservoirs in the various sections of the Town; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.) Dollars, or some other sum, for

the purpose of celebrating the return of men and women who served in or were affiliated or associated with any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of repairing certain public sidewalks; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.) Dollars, or some other sum, for the control of poison ivy in the Town, the said sum to be expended under the supervision of a Committee of three persons to be appointed by the Moderator; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen in its name and behalf to enter into a contract with the Westford Water Company for three additional hydrants to be located as follows: One on Pleasant Street between Abbot Street and Patten Road; one near the corner of Brookside Road and Lowell Road; one on Lowell Road easterly from Brookside Road; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen in its name and behalf to enter into a contract with the Westford Water Company for hydrant service for a period not to exceed five years on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem advisable; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install one street light on Oak Hill Road at the intersection of Lake Shore Drive; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install one street light on Oak Hill Road in the vicinity of Tower Road or Grove Street; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install one street light on Coolidge Avenue in Nabnassett; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift from Richard Hall et als of a triangular parcel of land situated on the south-easterly side of Main Street in Graniteville, together with a monument erected thereon in honor of those residents of Graniteville who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken under Article 2 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held June 15, 1937 (the action taken under said Article 2 was as follows: "Voted unanimously that the compensation of the regular members of the Fire Department while in the performance of their duties in responding to calls on account of fires, shall be at the rate of One Dollar per hour for the first hour and thereafter at the rate of Sixty Cents per hour, and that of the officers increased in proportion"); or act in relation thereto.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4B of Chapter 136 of the General Laws (This section provides in substance for the granting of licenses by the Selectmen for the operation of bowling alleys on the Lord's Day); or act in relation thereto.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to use as free cash a sum of money not to exceed Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.) Dollars, said amount to be approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of the Commonwealth, and said sum to be applied in determining the tax rate for the current year 1947; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will vote to elect at the annual meeting for the year 1948 a Moderator for the term of three years; or act in relation thereto.

ART. 35. To see if the Town will vote to rescind its By-Laws as adopted at the annual town meeting held February 11, 1924 and any amendments or additions thereto adopted subsequent to that time, and to accept and adopt the following By-Laws, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of printing and publishing the same:

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I.

#### Town Meetings and the Procedure Thereat

Section 1. The annual meeting for the election of Town Officers shall be held on the third Monday of February in each year. The polls shall be opened at 12:00 o'clock noon and shall remain open until 8:00 o'clock P. M.

Section 2. All business of the annual Town Meeting except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law or vote of the town are required to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered at said meeting on the Monday following called at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Section 3. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the warrant at the Town Hall and each Post Office in Westford at least seven days before such meeting.

Section 4. Special town meeting shall be called on any day not earlier than seven-thirty o'clock P. M. except that on Saturday it may be called not earlier than two o'clock P. M.

Section 5. The proceedings of Town Meetings shall be governed by the rules of practice contained in Robert's Rules of Order except as modified by law or by the by-laws.

Section 6. At any Town Meeting held for the transaction of town business, no person whose name is not on the list of voters shall be admitted to the floor of the hall except those who may be invited by the meeting assembled. It shall be the special duty of the police and election officers to enforce this law by use of the check list; but the same shall not apply to the state election, primaries or meetings for the election of Town Officers, or to be construed to prohibit press reporters from such admission. The Moderator shall determine the bounds of the floor of the hall.

Section 7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise specially directed by the meeting, and all committees so appointed shall be directed to report within a definite time. If a committee does not report within the time stated, or at the first Town Meeting held thereafter, it shall be considered discharged. The Moderator shall not be a member of any committee appointed by him.

Section 8. All motions shall be presented in writing, if the Moderator so requests.

## ARTICLE II.

### Duties of the Finance Committee

Section 1. There shall be a Finance Committee of six voters of the Town, no one of whom shall hold an elective or appointive town office having to do with the expenditure of town money. The members of this committee shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, and shall serve without pay.

Section 2. The Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator. The first committee shall be appointed as follows: Two for one year, two for two years, and two for three years. At the annual meeting in each year thereafter, two members of said committee to serve for the term of three years shall be appointed by the Mod-

erator. The term of office of said members shall commence on March first of the year of their appointment. Said committee shall meet at the call of the Town Clerk and choose its chairman and clerk. The Moderator shall forthwith fill by appointment any vacancies which occur in its membership, and said appointee shall serve for the remainder of this predecessor's term of office.

Section 3. The Finance Committee shall consider matters relating to the appropriation, the borrowing and the expenditure of money by the Town, its indebtedness, the methods of administration of its various offices and departments, property valuation and assessments, and other municipal affairs, and make recommendations to the Town or to any town board, officer, or committee, relative to such matters, also articles in Town Warrants involving the expenditure or appropriation of money and shall approve or disapprove the same in whole or in part, and shall make report to the voters with such recommendations or suggestions as the committee shall deem advisable.

Section 4. The Town Accountant shall immediately upon the close of the financial year compile statements in tabulated form showing the amounts appropriated and the amounts expended from each appropriation during the preceding year, and the estimates for the current year, and shall forthwith furnish a copy thereof to the Finance Committee to consider and report on proposed appropriations. The said committee shall, after due consideration, designate the amounts which in their opinion should be appropriated for the ensuing year, and shall accompany the same with such explanations and suggestions in relation thereto as they may deem desirable for the proper information of the inhabitants. The Selectmen shall bring and distribute this document at or before the Annual Town Meeting and the Town Clerk shall transmit a copy thereof, and of all Town Reports to the Director of Accounts. The committee shall furnish to the Selectmen on or before February first of each year a report of the matters so considered by it with recommendations or suggestions relative thereto, and the same shall be printed in the Annual Town Report.

## ARTICLE III

### Duties of the Board of Health

Section 1. The Board of Health shall annually make a report to be printed in the Annual Town Report, showing in detail the statistics of the health and sanitary condition of the Town, with recommendations for its improvement, together with a full and comprehensive statement of its work and that of its appointees, during the previous year.

The Board shall make and publish such regulations as it deems necessary for public health and safety, and from time to time shall cause said rules and regulations to be printed in a form suitable for public distribution.

Section 2. They shall have charge of the appropriations for quarantine purposes, in addition to the regular health appropriation, and any special appropriation which may be made by the Town, which concern the health and sanitation of the Town, not specifically entrusted to any other department.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Junk Dealers and Collectors of Junk

Section 1. The Selectmen may license suitable persons to be dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals, or second-hand articles; they may also license suitable persons as junk collectors, to collect by purchase, or otherwise, junk, old metals, and second-hand articles from place to place in said Town; and they may provide that such collectors shall display badges upon their persons or upon their vehicles, or upon both when engaged in collecting, transporting or dealing in junk, old metals, or second-hand articles, and may prescribe the design thereof. Fees for such license shall be five dollars (\$5.00).

Section 2. Every such shopkeeper shall keep a book, in which shall be written at the time of every purchase of any such article a description thereof and the name, age and residence of the person from whom and the day and hour, when such purchase was made and such book shall at any time be open to the inspection of the Selectmen and by any person by them authorized to make such inspection.

Section 3. Every such shopkeeper shall allow his shop and all articles of merchandise therein to be at any time examined by the Selectmen and by any person by them authorized to make such inspection, and every such collector shall allow any place, vehicles or receptacle used for the collection or keeping of such articles of merchandise to be at any time examined by the Selectmen and by any persons by them authorized to make such inspection.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Streets and Sidewalks

Section 1. No person shall suffer horses or grazing beasts or swine to run at large in the Town or to graze within the limits of the highway in the thickly settled parts of the Town; or to graze within the limits of the highway in any other part of the Town unless securely tied.

Section 2. No person shall throw stones, snowballs, sticks or other missiles, or kick football, or play at any game, in which a ball is used, or fly kites or balloons, or shoot with an airgun, bow and arrow, sling shot or other similar devise. in or across any of the public ways of the Town.

Section 3. No person shall wilfully or negligently obstruct the free passage of foot-travellers on any sidewalk, nor shall any person loaf upon any sidewalk or in any street or public way of the Town after a request to move made by any constable or police officer.

Section 4. No person shall break or dig up any sidewalk, street, or highway, or place thereon any staging or other temporary structure, or move any building into or along the same without a written permit from the Board of Selectmen, or the Board having charge of the streets in such cases. Any permit issued hereunder shall be in force for such time as the Board may specify; shall be issued upon condition that from one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise sufficient lights or lanterns shall be so placed as to secure travelers from danger, and shall be issued upon such other conditions as the Board may prescribe. The Board granting such permit shall have the right to revoke the same at any time, and may require a bond either before the commencement of work or during its progress to ensure its proper performance. Any person having such a permit shall, before the expiration of the same, restore the sidewalk, street or highway to its original condition.

Section 5. No person shall throw or place or cause to be thrown or placed upon any street or highway of the Town, any nails, spikes, screws, glass, tin cans or any rubbish or refuse of any kind.

Section 6. No person shall deface or damage any public monument or damage any public grounds or property.

Section 7. No person shall ride, drive or cause to be driven, any horse, or vehicle over that part of any street which is being mended, repaired or paved, if a watchman or signs are placed prohibiting the same.

Section 8. The Selectmen shall have the right to close any street or highway or portion thereof to coasting.

Section 9. No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any street or highway nor shall any owner of any vehicle knowingly permit such vehicle to be driven or moved on any street or highway unless such vehicle is so constructed, or so loaded, as to prevent its contents from spilling, dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom. Vehicles loaded with any material which may be blown about

by the wind shall be suitably covered to prevent the contents from being blown about the streets and highways.

## ARTICLE VI

### Legal Affairs

Section 1. The Selectmen shall, with the assistance of Town Counsel, institute, prosecute and defend any and all claims, actions and proceedings to which the Town is a party or in which the interests of the Town are or may be involved.

Section 2. The Selectmen may, subject to the approval of the Town, settle any claim or suit made or instituted by them in behalf of the Town. They may compromise or settle any claims or suits against the Town, provided an appropriation by the Town for the payment of such compromise or settlement has first been obtained.

## ARTICLE VII

### Penalty

Section 1. Whoever violates any of the provisions of these By-Laws shall be punished with a fine of not more than twenty dollars for each offense unless specifically provided otherwise herein.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be repealed or amended at any annual Town Meeting or at any other Town Meeting an article or articles for such purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting.

## ARTICLE IX

### Repeal

Section 1. These By-Laws shall go into effect upon their acceptance by the Town and their approval and publication in the manner required by law, and all the By-Laws or votes of the Town inconsistent with these By-Laws are hereby repealed, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Veterans' Services, including the compensation of the Director of Veterans' Services, as provided in Chapter 599 of the Acts of 1946; or act in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and at each Post Office in said Westford, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the first meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of January in the year of our Lord, 1947.

ARTHUR L. HEALY

CYRIL A. BLANEY

EDWARD F. HARRINGTON

Selectmen of Westford

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

*Town of Westford*



For The Year Ending December 31,

1946

## ORGANIZATION — SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frederick Gatenby, Chairman .....	Term Expires 1949
Edgar Peterson .....	Term Expires 1949
William Kelly .....	Term Expires 1948
H. Arnold Wilder .....	Term Expires 1948
Robert Hunter .....	Term Expires 1947
F. Stanley Smith, Secretary .....	Term Expires 1947

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Chester V. Sweatt, Westford, Mass.

Tel. Res. 616

Tel. Office 561

## SCHOOL TELEPHONES

Tel. Cameron School 542

Tel. Sargent School 553

Tel. Wm. E. Frost School 230

Tel. Westford Academy 561

Tel. Nabnasset School 233

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dwight W. Cowles, M. D., Westford, Mass.

## SCHOOL NURSE

Dorothy Healy, R. N., Westford, Mass.

Tel. Office 391, Town Hall

## **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Citizens of Westford

Westford, Massachusetts

The Superintendent's report which follows has been read and accepted by the School Board.

The Board is asking for the sum of \$102,600 with which to operate the public schools during 1946-1947 and the sum of \$800 for vocational tuition. A copy of the 1947 budget may be obtained at the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Only one new member, Mr. Edgar Peterson, was elected to the Board this year.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK W. GATENBY,  
Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Westford School Committee:

It is with mixed emotions that I submit this my last annual report. Naturally, I am happy to accept the challenge of my new position but my associations in Westford have been so happy that I can't help regretting leaving such a fine town.

In the years I have served as your superintendent I have worked on the assumption that Westford people want good modern schools. There have been few times during those years when I have doubted the soundness of that assumption, for Westford citizens have constantly supported efforts to have better schools. But occasionally one hears some individual say, "We are spending a lot of money for our schools and we don't have anything." In this report, therefore, I shall review our school program for the benefit of the few citizens who utter that all too embracing generality "we don't have anything," and also for those citizens who are aware of what has been accomplished and are proud of that accomplishment.

### PART I

#### WHY DO WE HAVE SCHOOLS?

Education is that process by which society constantly seeks to renew itself. It is a continuous process begun at birth and continued through life, and everything in the environment may contribute to one's education — the family, church, school, butcher, baker, or candlestick-maker.

The school is **only one** factor in the educational process but it is a vital one. It is the centralizing agency set up by society through which the many influences of an environment that contribute to an individual's education may be assessed, given perspective, and, if necessary, re-directed in the light of a common goal. The major items making up this common goal are: vocation, personal development, and citizenship.

#### VOCATION

Everyone needs to develop proficiency in some vocation whatever it be, home-maker, doctor, or engineer. The nation cannot survive without an abundance of well-educated, skilled workmen, technicians, and engineers. It is rather generally admitted that the schools should give this vocational training but there is some question as to what schools should provide it. The danger in the emphasis on vocational training is that the other two factors, personal development and citizenship, may be neglected.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The most important educational item among those pertaining to self is character. Knowledge, health, and appreciation of fine things are desirable for good living but character is essential. For good living one must have a code built on a firm foundation of what God and Time have shown to be good. Possession of such a code gives a person character.

Character is essentially those knowledges, attitudes, habits, appreciations, insights, and actions concerning the science of good and evil. The person who possesses character is one who has definite standards, "a philosophy of life, a principle by which to judge and rule" his life. It is the duty of the school to help the individual acquire a philosophy of living that serves as an ideal to guide his life, and, through him, national life. Richard Livingston expresses it thusly: "Education, that maid-of-all-work, has set her hand to as many duties as a general servant. But two things she could give everybody before her work is complete — an intellectual attitude of life and a philosophy of life. I would define the right intellectual attitude as threefold; to find the world and life intensely interesting; to wish to see them as they are; to feel that truth, in Plato's words, is both permanent and beautiful. And a philosophy of life? The right intellectual attitude to life is already a partial philosophy of it. It is complete, if you extend it to cover Goodness, Truth and Beauty, and define Goodness to cover those words which have been trumpet-calls to many generations, and, once sounded by unknown men far back in history have been borne around the world on waves of the spiritual air, now loud, now low, but never wholly silent: Love, justice, courage, self-mastery, mercy, liberty—". "The fundamental task of education is to put into the mind some idea of what these things are, some desire to pursue them."

There was probably never a time when firm character, individual and national, was so needed as today. Our way of life is changing so fast that the speed of that change frightens people. It is well that it does for it makes us realize the necessity of striving for goodness, in individual and national life.

## CITIZENSHIP

Individuals are born citizens only in a legal sense. They must be trained in the knowledges, duties, attitudes, understandings, and obligations of citizenship. Such training should be as far as the school is concerned a major part of the school program and it can best be done by organizing the entire school program to provide it. Here is one phase of education where learning by doing is a **must**.

In citizenship, as in many other things, the public school is asked to do the impossible. No public school can fully train citizens. Learning by doing implies action but only adults can participate in the machinery of government. While elementary principles of citizenship can be taught in school, where the life of the school is organized to this end, the real training in citizenship can only be given on the adult level.

Citizenship training on any level must include three elements: knowledge of the structure of the state and the foundation of the parts of the structure; a vision of what society may be; and a sense of being a part of the state, a feeling of belonging. Knowledge is needed but even more is vision needed so that knowledge can be used for the good of man. Even of greater importance is the necessity for one to feel he belongs and is important to his state.

## **HOW WELL ARE WESTFORD SCHOOLS MEETING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH WE HAVE SCHOOLS?**

### **VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

Vocational training is an area in which our school program is far from adequate. Naturally, this is a secondary school problem and not an elementary one. Only in the field of commercial education can we claim to be offering training that has immediate use in earning a living.

Commercial instruction in Westford Academy consists of two years of typing, two years of stenography, and one year of book-keeping. These subjects are taken in addition to the required courses in English and social studies, together with elective courses in science or foreign language.

A bright girl who is willing to work hard can graduate from the above program with good secretarial ability. Those graduates whom we have recommended highly to employers have consistently done well.

In specialized training as in other fields not all individuals learn as rapidly as others. Our policy has been to discourage pupils from taking Stenography II if their work in Stenography I is unsatisfactory. These pupils may continue their typing instruction thereby fitting themselves as office clerks.

Our vocational instruction should include more prevocational work. There is considerable doubt that the intensive vocational training should be given in schools as small as ours. On the other

hand, it is generally agreed that prevocational training is in order. This training should be in manual arts and domestic science, possibly followed by intensive study at the Lowell Vocational School. However, until adequate space is made available it will be impossible to improve vocational training as the Academy building is inadequate for even the present secondary program.

### **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

It is to be expected that in a New England town like Westford, great emphasis would be placed on individual development and such is the case. Great pride is taken in pointing to the graduates of our schools who have lived well, who have succeeded in life. This is all to the good and the emphasis along this line continues to be an important part of the school program. The program includes training in the knowledges, skills, habits, insights, appreciations, and attitudes which, if tied together into a "habitual vision of greatness", give a person standards by which to govern his life.

### **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

Instruction in the following subjects is given in the elementary grades and Academy:

#### **Reading**

Instruction ranges from teaching the elements in Grade One to the study of Literature in Grade Eight.

#### **Arithmetic**

Teaching emphasis ranges from functional instruction in arithmetical concepts in Grade One to the practical application of arithmetical skills in Grade Eight.

#### **Social Studies**

In Grade One instruction is centered around concepts involving the home. In Grades Four, Five, and Six instruction is given in geography and history on a world and hemisphere basis. In Grade Eight instruction is concentrated on United States History.

#### **Language**

The titles of the language texts indicate the instructional emphasis:

Let's Talk .....	Grade 2
Making Words Work .....	Grade 3
Gaining Skill with Words .....	Grade 4
Sharing Experiences .....	Grade 5
Communicating Ideas .....	Grade 6
Making Meanings Clear .....	Grade 7
Expressing Ideas Clearly .....	Grade 8

**Spelling**

Instruction in spelling is given in all grades.

**Writing**

Instruction in cursive writing is carried on from Grade One through Grade Eight.

**Science**

Science instruction in the lower grades is informal. In Grades Five and Six the emphasis is on health. The work in Grades Seven and Eight is in general science preparatory to the Academy science program.

**Music**

Instruction is given in all grades where teachers are available.

**Art**

The emphasis on all grade levels is on creative expression. The teacher's task is to motivate the work. Paint, charcoal, clay and paper are the media used. No copying is allowed.

**Physical education**

Such instruction as we have is in directed playground activities and inter-school games.

# WESTFORD ACADEMY

## PROGRAM OF STUDIES - 1946 - -1947

1st year	Per- iods	Cre- dits	2nd year	Per- iods	Cre- dits	3rd year	Per- iods	Cre- dits	4th year	Per- iods	Cre- dits
English I .....	5	5	English II .....	5	5	English III .....	5	5	English IV .....	5	5
Algebra or			World History ..	5	5	U. S. History ....	5	5	Problems of		
Prac. Math. ....	5	5							Democracy .....	5	5

### SUBJECTS TO BE ELECTED

1st year	Per- iods	Cre- dits	2nd year	Per- iods	Cre- dits	3rd year	Per- iods	Cre- dits	4th year	Per- iods	Cre- dits
Civics .....	5	5	Spanish I or II ..	5	5	Spanish I			Spanish I		
Spanish I .....	5	5	Biology .....	5	5	II or III .....	5	5	II or III .....	5	5
Algebra I .....	5	5	Typwrtng. ....	5	2½	Chemistry .....	5	5	Trig. &		
Prac. Math. ....	5	5	Bkpng. I .....	5	5	Physics .....	5	5	Solid Geom. ....	5	5
Gen. Science ....	5	5	Algebra II .....	5	5	Glo. Geog. ....	5	5	Chemistry .....	5	5
Jr. Bus. Tr. ....	5	5	Glo. Geog. ....	5	5	Bkpng. I .....	5	5	Physics .....	5	5
						Stenog. I .....	5	5	Stenog. II .....	5	5
						Typwrtng. II ...	5	2½	Science III .....	5	5
						Psychol. ....	5	5			
						Pl. Geom. ....	5	5			
						Science III .....	5	5			

1. There must be a pupil enrollment of at least 10 before a class section in any subject will be formed.

The important thing in any program is the way and manner in which the instruction is given. In my 1944 report I outlined certain points of view concerning instruction in skills and knowledges which hold true today. At that time, I wrote:

"Knowledge and skills are not acquired by pupils at an even rate or with equal ease. Often instruction that has meaning and value to one child in Grade Three, for example, will be meaningless and valueless to another child until a later grade. Pupils often go through the motions, write the papers, do all the exercises, but never really know what they are doing. The following story illustrates the point: Several years ago an Eighth Grade boy was working with me building a table. He was told to measure a piece of lumber  $32 \frac{3}{8}$ " long. Noticing that he was having trouble, I discovered that he did not know how to use the fractions of an inch in a functional way. I showed him how to use the carpenter's rule. His face lit up and he explained, "I never knew that was what fractions were." That boy could compute, add, subtract, and divide fractions but he did not understand fractions. Troubles of this sort could be avoided if our instruction was more functional and within the experience level of the pupil."

"Westford teachers are aware that we must take a pupil where he is educationally. The old excuse, "He should have learned that in Grade Three, Six, or Eight" no longer applies. Maybe he did have an opportunity then but if he did not learn the work there is only one thing an intelligent teacher can do and that is to teach it again. No longer can an upper grade teacher say, "That is Third Grade work. That is none of my business." No longer can high school teachers honestly say of the boy who reads poorly or who cannot spell, "That is the work of the grade school. I teach mathematics, or English, or Science." The thinking teacher no longer talks this way. She says, "What can I do to assist the pupil?" Then she puts in many hours trying to help him. There is no one place in the educational ladder where all pupils learn the same thing. As I said above, learning is a complicated process and the rate of learning is very uneven with different pupils."

"I believe that if we are to get greater mastery of abilities and knowledge we must first make our instruction more functional and secondly, recognize that pupils do not learn at the same rates. If we can accept this idea, we will no longer think in terms of passing

Grade Seven, or chemistry, or senior English. We will think in terms of learning; that is, acquiring skills and knowledge useful in our everyday lives. If a pupil is too old to be assigned to Grade Eight, he should be placed in the Academy and given instruction in the skills and knowledges deemed best suited to his needs. If he is a poor reader, this means reading instruction. If he cannot think mathematically, this means instruction in arithmetic, not algebra."

"I hope no one is foolish enough to interpret the above to mean that instruction in advanced mathematics, languages, and sciences, should not be taught in the Academy. On the contrary, I'd like to have them taught more intensively but only to those pupils whose achievement warrants it. These pupils are the ones likely to go to colleges. But for those pupils who have not acquired proficiency in the fundamentals, I should like to see instruction in them required. I believe this is the only way we can get our pupils to acquire the skills and knowledges we believe they should have."

The acceptance of the above instructional point of view requires teachers in the Academy to face the problems of differentiating instruction, something which was not necessary years ago. Formerly only about four percent of the children of school age attended secondary school. Standards were set up and those unable to meet them were forced to drop out. Now, sixty percent of the children of school age attend the Academy and probably five percent of them definitely cannot meet a high academic standard. The State requires children to attend school until they are sixteen years of age, and only a differentiated program gives these pupils a chance. The teachers in the Academy are trying to meet the problem by a greater amount of individual attention and adopting the instruction to each individual child.

I believe we have been reasonably successful in our efforts. Fewer pupils leave school than in former years as is shown in the size of the graduating classes. More pupils are showing interest in additional schooling beyond the Academy. Twelve of the thirty-seven graduates last June were admitted to colleges or higher schools. These graduates were accepted at Harvard, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia, Lowell State Teachers' College, Lowell Textile, Massachusetts State College, Norwich, Becker Junior College, Forsythe Dental School, Burbank Hospital, Anna Jacque Hospital, and Lowell Commercial College.

The standardized tests given each year indicate achievement. The Cooperative Tests in various subjects were given to all pupils in the Academy last June. We had pupils in the upper percentile

ranks in nearly every subject. Our best results were in the field of English where in each of the four classes fifty percent of the class were above the middle of the national group. Several pupils in each class were in the upper five percent of the national group.

There is no need for anyone in Westford to be ashamed of the achievement of our boys and girls but there should be no complacency. Efforts to improve the instruction should be encouraged in every way possible. One of the best ways is by in-service training of teachers.

### **ATTITUDES, INSIGHTS, APPRECIATIONS**

The problem of providing for individual development includes not only differentiating the instruction on all grade levels but developing the will to do, the drive, or the "habitual vision of greatness," the desire to do one's best.

All the knowledge in the world is of little value, and may be dangerous, if the "vision" of how it can be used for good living is not a driving force in a person's life. Helping pupils develop this driving force, a "passionate desire for goodness," a desire to do one's best, is the big task of teaching. Westford teachers recognize this obligation.

I have observed literature classes in which the teacher used the characters and their actions in the books being read as a vehicle for teaching good and evil in living. Over and over in the social studies classes one finds personages, events, and movements being analyzed in terms of goodness. I have heard science teachers emphasize the social aspects of science, the need to use scientific knowledge for good and not evil. I have seen teachers concern themselves with the attitudes and appreciations of their pupils toward, and of, beauty, courage, and truth.

Our teachers are constantly becoming more concerned in developing the desire for "goodness" than they are in the usual concept of character as training in fair play and discipline. This is to be commended for only as character becomes an intellectual matter and not blind habit can pupils develop a "habitual vision of greatness."

### **CITIZENSHIP**

I believe the training in citizenship being given our pupils is commendable. Each school is considered a miniature society in which the pupils get opportunities to practice citizenship. All schools

# CORPS OF TEACHERS, DECEMBER 31, 1946

School	Teachers	Training at	Date of Appointment
Academy	John T. Conrad, B. E.	St. Anselm's, Keene Teachers	Sept. 1946
	Mary A. Finn, B. S. E.	Salem State Teachers	Sept. 1946
	Carolyn E. Dutton, A. B.	Boston University	Sept. 1943
	E. Louise Freneau, A. B.	Tufts College	Oct. 1944
	John A. Rennie, A. B.	Wesleyan University	Sept. 1946
	Helen R. Rochefort, A. B.	Tufts College	Sept. 1942
	David L. Wyman, A. B.	Tufts College	Sept. 1946
	Peter F. Perry, B. S., M. Ed. (Prin.)	Hyannis, B. U.	Sept. 1924
	Louise E. Thompson, B. S., M. Ed.	Lowell Normal, B. U.	Sept. 1922
	Ruth A. Walker	Lowell Normal	Sept. 1922
Cameron	Jean M. Frazier, B. S. E.	Lowell Teachers College	Sept. 1946
	Claire H. Topping, B. S.	Framingham State	Sept. 1946
	Rosemary B. Nicholson, B. S. E.	Lowell Teachers College	Sept. 1946
	D. Ethel Cleary, B. S. E.	Lowell Teachers College	Sept. 1944
	Helen B. Mills, B. L. I.	Lowell Teachers College	Sept. 1946
	Wm. E. Frost	K. Merton Bozoian, B.S.E., M.Ed. (Prin.)	Jan. 1942
	Mollie A. Mazur, B. S. E.	Lowell Teachers College	Sept. 1945
	Shirley M. Oliver, B. S. E.	Lowell Teachers College	Sept. 1940
	Ruth P. Tuttle	Lowell Normal	Sept. 1903
	Rita H. Miller, B. S. E.	Lowell Teachers College	Sept. 1939
Nabassett	Kathleen R. Hammersley, A. B.	D'Youville College	Oct. 1938
	Ruth L. Wright	Plymouth (N. H.) Normal	Sept. 1946

Sargent .....	Gordon C. Getchell, B. S., M. Ed. (Prin.) Salem State, B. U.	Sept. 1944
	Charlotte C. Cronin, B. S. E. ....	Sept. 1946
	Jean E. Bell .....	April 1930
	Martha M. Yoshida, B. S. E. ....	Sept. 1946
	Lottie D. Blodgett .....	Sept. 1916
	Helen C. Laganas, B. S. E. ....	Sept. 1946
	June I. Barnard, B. S. E. ....	Sept. 1946
	Lillian G. Wright .....	Sept. 1914
Supt. of Schools .....	Chester V. Sweatt, B. S., M. Ed. ....	Aug. 1942
	Western Reserve University	
School Nurse .....	Dorothy Healy, R. N. ....	Sept. 1941
	Framingham	

# Academy enrollment as of October 1, 1946

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
1947	12	26	38
1948	13	29	42
1949	22	27	49
1950	27	26	53
P. G.	4	—	4
Totals	78	108	186

## Resignations

### Academy

Albert C. Cook  
Mildred J. Caram  
Frederic W. Jewett  
Herbert G. Lowell  
Walter T. Pulsifer  
Mary L. Robinson

### Cameron

Laura I. Hall  
Helen A. Johnston  
Janet L. Kenney  
Elinore A. Corbett

### Sargent

Ann Harrington  
Alice M. Cullen  
Mary A. Kearney  
Catherine A. Goodwin

## New members of staff

### Academy

Jchn T. Conrad  
Mary A. Finn  
Jchn A. Rennie  
Kenneth H. Robes  
David L. Wyman

### Cameron

Jean M. Frazier  
Claire H. Topping  
Rosemary B. Nicholson  
Helen B. Mills

### Sargent

Charlotte C. Cronin  
Martha M. Yoshida  
Helen C. Laganas  
June L. Barnard

### Nabnasset

Ruth L. Wright

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES

June, 1946

### CAMERON SCHOOL

John Walter Bohenko  
Marcel Joseph Brule  
Maurice Joseph Brule  
Paul Worth DeLaHaye  
Walter Halko  
Conrad Joseph Heroux

Dorothy Ann Heroux  
Joan Margaret Kelly  
Ruth Ann Lassonde  
Celine Florence Milot  
Marlene Marie Milot

Richard Arthur Milot	Warren Everett Rooks
John Mulligan	Jeanine Marie Roux
Theresa Mary Panneton	James Francis Thompson
Claude Pierre Provost	Raymond Tousignant
Harold Fletcher Rogers	Winifred Mary Ann Young
Winifred Mary Ann Young	

#### WM. E. FROST SCHOOL

Andrew Gustave Anderson	Bette Ann Ouellette
Henry Antonelli	Richard Clayton Pendleton
Doris Helen Chandonait	John Hamilton Perkins
Margaret Louise Eddy	David Frank Popolizio
Henry Freeman	David Trueman Pulsifer
Shirley Jones	Roger Ralph Rancour
Stanley Mottram Kimball	Evelyn Lillian Reeves
Albert Raymond Lambert	Russell Melvin Shea
Mary Rachel Luiz	Geraldine Marie Sullivan
Edward Harold Maffini	Robert Joseph Walker
Joan Ellen Wilson	

#### SARGENT SCHOOL

Carole Ann Benoit	Cecile Jean Milot
Barbara Margaret Campbell	Frances Theresa Milot
Theresa Shirley Dubey	Jeanine Maria Moulton
Dolores Marie Dumont	Rose Lillian Perkins
Dwight Ernest Hanson	Beatrice Rita Perion
Ina Gertrude Kierstead	Norma Joan Randall
Joan Rita Lamy	Herman S. Roberts
Robert Gerard Langley	John William Spinner
Ruth Eleanor Langley	Norman John Vasselin
Rita Mary Leduc	Betty Ann Williams

#### WESTFORD ACADEMY

##### Westford Academy Graduates

June 1946

Martha Ann Bailey	Claire Ferguson
Marjorie Evelyn Beebe	Robert H. Fitzpatrick
Stephen John Belinski	Harold Arthur Fletcher
Shirley Elizabeth Burne	Lucille Marie Gervais
Alfred Arthur Carlson	Jacqueline Theresa Grenier
Lillian June Connell	Philip Gilman Hall
Robert John Connolly	Muriel Evelyn Johnson
Robert Harry DiComes	William Joseph Kavanagh

Margaret Virginia Lahme  
 Eleanor Stella Lewkowicz  
 Thomas E. May, Jr.  
 Francis M. McKniff  
 Helena Anne McKniff  
 Doris Cecile Milot  
 Myrna Louise Morse  
 Raphael Alfred Oliver  
 Constance Joan Reeves  
 Marie Ann Ricard  
 Mary Lillian Rogers

Michael Sawosik, Jr.  
 Vera Sawosik  
 Marden Homer Seavey, Jr.  
 Fred Nicholas Sudak  
 Margaret Frances Sullivan  
 Veronica Patricia Sullivan  
 Joseph M. Thompson  
 Margaret Mary Thompson  
 Helen Susan Wallace  
 John Joseph Waugh

Class Motto

NOT FOR OURSELVES ONLY  
 BUT FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

Class Colors  
 Blue and White

Class Marshall

Francis M. McKniff  
 Class Flower  
 Gardenia

Winners of Prizes

(Given by Trustees)

Awarded at Graduation Exercises

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in English:

Five Dollars

Robert Harry DiComes

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in Mathematics and Science:

Five Dollars

Marden Homer Seavey, Jr.

Member of Senior Class for Excellence in Secretarial Science:

Five Dollars

Lillian June Connell

Member of Senior Class, the Most Worthy Representative of  
 Westford Academy:

Five Dollars

Claire Ferguson

Awarded at Class Day Exercises:

Member of the Class of 1947, the Most Worthy Representative of  
 Westford Academy:

Five Dollars

James Studdiford

Member of the Class of 1948, the Most Worthy Representative of  
 Westford Academy:

Five Dollars

Cynthia Cook

Member of the Class of 1949, the Most Worthy Representative of  
 Westford Academy:

Five Dollars

Donald Wark

## REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Members of the School Committee:

The following is my report as School Physician for the year ending December 31, 1946.

The usual physical examinations were made on all of the children attending the public schools of Westford. A separate physical examination was made to recheck all the cases in which major physical defects were found, in order that the parents of the children could be notified as to what procedure would be needed for them to see that the children would get the needed medical or surgical care when major defects were found.

A special examination was made on the pupils of the Academy who were to play football and basketball, in order that they could carry Liability Insurance and to find out if they were in the right physical condition to enter in these sports.

A large number of pupils were treated at the Abbot Worsted Hospital for minor surgical and medical conditions. These cases came to me as emergency cases referred to me by the Principals of the different schools.

Cooperation by the Board of Health Nurse, teachers, and parents of the children was splendid as it has been in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. DWIGHT W. COWLES

January 13, 1947

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt  
Superintendent of Schools  
Westford, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Following is the report of the School Nurse from January 1,  
to December 31, 1946:

Schools visited .....	352
First aid and dressings .....	72
Children examined for minor ailments .....	214
Children recommended for exclusion because contagious disease, skin infection or pediculosis .....	23
Assisted at clinic for mentally retarded children. Number of children seen. ....	3

Vaccinations checked.

Weighed and measured school children.

Audiometer, loaned by State Department of Public Health,  
used to check hearing of all school children in grades 4 to 12.

Assisted school physician with physical examination of school  
children in Spring and Fall of 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY A. HEALY, R. N.

December 26, 1946

Mr. Chester V. Sweatt, Supt.  
Westford Public Schools  
Westford, Mass.

My dear Mr. Sweatt:

I am pleased to submit the following report on the Handwriting program in the Westford Schools for the school year 1945-46.

In the initial Handwriting tests administered in September, 1940, 20% of your elementary school pupils received a grade of "A" (Excellent); 8% received a grade of "B" (Good); and 72% of the pupils had a grade below "B". In the June, 1946 tests, 73% were graded "A" (Excellent); 22% were graded "B" (Good); and 5% were graded less than "B". Handwriting Certificates were awarded to 81% of the eighth grade and 85% of the High School graduates. These scores indicate that excellent progress has been made, and I wish to compliment the pupils and teachers for their achievement.

During the school year we graded approximately 5250 formal and 15,750 informal samples of Handwriting for the elementary school children, and 1200 formal and 2400 informal handwriting samples for the High School pupils.

We furnished the following supplies during the year:- monthly outlines for the teachers, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, monthly and term envelopes, handedness tests, individual handwriting certificates for the eighth and high school pupils who qualified, diagnostic charts and seals, etc.

My supervisors join with me in expressing our appreciation of the splendid co-operation we have received from you and your teachers at all times.

We are very pleased with the results obtained in your schools.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. RINEHART

## NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

The No-School signal will be two blows of the fire alarm whistle repeated three times.

The above signal will be given at 7:10 A. M. unless icing conditions about that time, in which case the No-School signal may be blown as late as 7:45 A. M.

The No-School announcement will be broadcast over stations WEEL, WBZ, WLLH, and WLAU whenever possible.

It is the policy of the School Department to keep schools in sessions on all days during which it is safe for busses to be operated. **On days when the weather condition is questionable parents are urged to exercise their own judgment as to the wisdom of sending their children to school.**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Teachers' Meeting .....	Sept. 3	
Schools open .....	Sept. 4	
Schools close .....	Dec. 20	74 days
Schools open .....	Dec. 30	
Schools close .....	Feb. 21	39 days
Schools open .....	Mar. 3	
Schools close .....	Apr. 25	39 days
Schools open .....	May 5	
Schools close .....	June 19	33 days
Total 185 days		

## DAYS OMITTED:

Teachers' Convention — October 25.  
Armistice Day — November 11.  
Thanksgiving Recess — November 28, 29.  
New Years Day — January 1.  
Memorial Day — May 30.  
Good Friday — April 4.

## GRADUATIONS: (Tentative)

Academy — June 20.  
Frost — June 17.  
Cameron — June 18.  
Sargent — June 19.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

OF THE

*Town of Westford*



For the Year Ending December 31,

1946

# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY

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January 1, 1947

The trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit their annual report for 1946, including the report of the Librarian and the list of books added in 1946.

This year because of the added appropriation it was possible to make several improvements by replacing the old toilet, resurfacing and waxing all the floors in the building and making some repairs on the roof.

For a long time it has seemed desirable to have a simple planting around the front and side of the building. Some yew arbor vitae and Euonymus were secured from the Bay State Nursery Co. and the planting was made by Anthony Solazzo who also pruned the shrubbery at the rear of the building. In doing all this work it was found necessary to remove the brick walls of the old well beside the front steps which once furnished the drinking water for the Bancroft-Wright home which stood on this site. A beautiful picture of this house hangs on the wall in the Conversation room of the Library.

Since the building is now fifty years old there are many repairs and improvements still needed and to meet these expenses and to carry on the increased work of the library and its branches the trustees ask for the following appropriation, viz:

1. The sum of thirty-three hundred (\$3,300.00) dollars.
2. The receipts from the dog licenses in 1946.

WILLIAM C. ROUDENBUSH, Chairman  
WILLIAM R. TAYLOR  
ALICE M. HOWARD, Secretary

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY FOR 1946

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### Salaries and Wages:

Librarian .....	\$	850.00	
Janitor .....		375.00	
Assistants .....		273.53	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,498.53

Books and Periodicals:

Books .....	\$	448.25	
Periodicals .....		193.71	
			\$ 641.96

Fuel .....	\$	377.45	
Electricity .....	\$	162.34	

Buildings:

Water .....	\$	28.48	
Janitor's Supplies .....		5.07	
Cleaning .....		21.25	
Repairs .....		690.80	
Care of Grounds and Shrubberty .....		127.85	
			\$ 873.45

Other Expenses

Telephone .....	\$	21.23	
Transportation of Books .....		30.00	
Stationery and Postage .....		26.45	
Miscellaneous .....		28.03	
			\$ 105.71

\$ 3,659.44

Income

Town Appropriation .....	\$	3,000.00	
Receipts from dog licenses .....		474.45	
Interest from funds .....		184.99	

\$ 3,659.44

Receipts from fines .....	\$	76.81	
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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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January 1, 1947

To the Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library:

The librarian herewith submits her twenty-ninth annual report in the eighty-eighth year since a public library was started in Westford by the gift to the town of the books from the Social Library formed in 1797. June marked the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the present building, tho it was not possible to have any celebration of the event at that time.

In April of this year all the floors of the building were sanded and refinished making them much lighter in color which has improved their appearance so that visitors have expressed their pleasure and approval. It was necessary to close for four library days while this work and the necessary cleaning up was being done. Books were taken to the Frost school once during this period. On several other days library hours had to be curtailed, as the library was too cold due to the failure of the furnace motor.

When the high school opened this fall the principal, Mr. Cook, decided to allow the pupils who go in busses to come to the library during their free periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of having books taken to them once in three weeks as formerly. This gives the pupils a chance to become acquainted with the library and form the habit of using it. Also they have a wider selection of books from which to choose the subjects which interest them. This has been appreciated and more books have circulated. The pupils in the English classes of Mr. Wyman came to the library for instruction in the use of the library.

The deposit station at Nabnassett which has been in the home of Mrs. Edgar S. Peterson for several years was closed due to little use. It was reopened in December at the post-office in charge of Mrs. Edna G. MacLeod who reports that the circulation has been good. While this shows the difference between the use of a deposit in a public and private building, the trustees and librarian appreciate the privilege of having had the deposit station in the home of Mrs. Peterson.

The circulation at the main library increased by nearly 1,100 and the total circulation by 423, tho there was a slight decrease in the children's department as well as in the villages. 254 more non-fiction were used this year than last. There have been a number of new borrowers as well as more high school pupils. The history section leads again with 573 books, followed by travel with 558, biography with 466 and useful arts with 395.

Among the exhibits in the Frost museum case was a copy of the document signed by the Japanese when they surrendered loaned by W. Carroll Furbush, the Caldecott and Newbery medal books, and a collection of figurines and cards appropriate to Christmas.

Special thanks are due to Mrs. William K. Budge for the many flowers with which she has kept the library supplied. Other flowers have been given by Miss Marion F. Winnek, Arthur L. Hope, Miss Alice M. Howard, and Miss Carole Palmer.

The Librarian has had the privilege of attending several library meetings this year. The meeting of the American Library Association which was cancelled during the war, was held at Buffalo, New York in June. While the weather was unsatisfactory and the rooming situation difficult it was a pleasure to meet old friends and gain inspiration. The Massachusetts Library Association has held three meetings at Harvard College in February, at Worcester in May and at Swampscott in October.

The circulation of magazines has increased over that of last year. American Cookery has changed its name to that of Better Food. Several new magazines have been added to the list. All except current numbers may be borrowed for one week and the list for the coming year is as follows:

#### WEEKLIES

Geographic News Bulletin	News Week
Illustrated London News	Publishers' Weekly
Life	Saturday Evening Post
New York Times Book Review	Time

#### MONTHLIES

A. L. A. Booklist	Cosmopolitan
American	Country Gentleman
American Girl	Etude
American Home	Flying and Popular Aviation
Antiques	Fortune
Asia	Good Housekeeping
Atlantic Monthly	Grade Teacher
Better Food	Harper's Monthly
Better Homes and Gardens	Hobbies
Book Review Digest	Holiday
Boys' Life	House Beautiful
Child Life	Hygeia
Coronet	Instructor

Jack and Jill  
 Junior Natural History  
 Ladies' Home Journal  
 National Geographic  
 Natural History  
 Nature  
 Open Road  
 Outdoor Life  
 Parents' Magazine  
 Popular Mechanics  
 Popular Science Monthly  
 Reader's Digest

Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature  
 School Arts  
 Sky  
 Social Action  
 Travel  
 Uncle Ray's Magazine  
 Wilson Bulletin  
 Woman's Home Companion  
 World in Books  
 Yankee

#### BI-MONTHLY

Horn Book

Popular Homecraft

#### SEMI-MONTHLY

Library Journal

#### QUARTERLIES

Old Time New England

Subscription Books Bulletin

#### PERIODICALS GIVEN, 1946

Advance  
 Army Life  
 Automobile Facts  
  
 The A V  
 Bell Telephone Quarterly  
 Book-of-the-Month Club News

From Miss May E. Day  
 From War Department  
 From Automobile Manufacturers Association  
 From the Publishers  
 From American Tel. & Tel. Co.  
 From Book of the Month Club

Books, N. Y. Herald Tribune  
 Christian Register

From The Old Corner Book Store  
 From Unitarian Alliance of Westford

Christian Science Monitor  
 Christian Science Sentinel  
 Collier's  
 DuPont Magazine  
 Federation Topics  
 Journal of Calendar Reform  
 The Lamp  
 Middlesex County Bulletin

From Miss Mary E. Burbeck  
 From Miss Mary E. Burbeck  
 From Mrs. Wm. K. Budge  
 From DuPont de Nemours Co.  
 From The Tadmuck Club  
 From World Calendar Association  
 From Miss Alice M. Howard  
 From Middlesex County Extension Service

National Grange Monthly  
 New England News Letter

From Westford Grange  
 From New England Council

New Hampshire Troubadour	From State of New Hampshire
New Yorker	From Miss Marion F. Winnek
Oilways	From Standard Oil Co.
Our Dumb Animals	From the Publishers
Pemex Travel Club Bulletin	From Petroloes Mexicanos
Ships	From Shipbuilders Council of America
Steel Facts	From American Iron & Steel In- stitute
Steelways	From American Iron & Steel In- stitute
Tax Talk	From Mass. Federation of Tax- payers' Association
Today's Home	From the Gas Co.
Travelers Standard	From Travelers Insurance Co.
Woman's Day	From Miss Mabel M. Prescott

#### NAMES OF DONORS, 1946

Buckshorn, Fisher—paper bound books.  
 Cameron, Julian A.—one volume.  
 Craig, Jacqueline—one volume.  
 Day, Miss Avis E.—7 jig-saw puzzles.  
 Doll Collectors of America, Inc.—one booklet.  
 Fisher, John—one volume and paper bound books  
 Hamlin, Miss Edna M.—3 volumes.  
 Johnson, Mrs. Hilding,—6 jig-saw puzzles.  
 Litchfield, P. W.—one volume  
 McMaster, Herbert—2 volumes.  
 Pennsylvania Railroad Co.—one volume.  
 Prescott, Mrs. H. B.—One volume  
 Prescott, Mrs. Philip T.—one volume  
 Pulsifer, Walter T.—50 volumes, magazines and posters.  
 Scribner customer—one volume.  
 Swope, H. B.—one volume.  
 Walker, Robert—9 jig-saw puzzles.  
 Winnek, Miss Marion F.—one volume and paper bound books.  
 Wood, Estate of Miss Grace A.—cabinet and set of dishes.

#### CIRCULATION

Total circulation of bound volumes .....	15,029
Volumes lent at Library .....	13,465
Volumes lent at Graniteville .....	694
Volumes lent at Forge Village .....	641
Volumes lent at Nabnasset .....	229

Circulation in children's department .....	6,014
Volumes lent thru the schools .....	1,056
Periodicals lent .....	4,019
Pamphlets and clippings lent .....	261
Pictures loaned .....	1,119
Jig-saw puzzles lent .....	69
Number of days open .....	148
Largest monthly circulation of bound volumes, October .....	1,589
Smallest monthly circulation, July .....	910
Largest daily circulation, April 2 .....	201
Smallest daily circulation, July 11 .....	18

#### ACCESSIONS

Volumes added by purchase .....	270
Volumes added by gift .....	55
Total number added .....	325
Number of volumes discarded .....	45
Number of volumes in Library .....	19,031

#### AMOUNT OF FUNDS

Legacy of Stephen S. Stone .....	\$1,000.00
Legacy of Augustus K. Fletcher .....	1,000.00
Legacy of Mary M. Henarie, Laws Fund .....	1,000.00
Legacy of John M. Osgood .....	1,000.00
Legacy of Jennie Reed Wilkins .....	150.00
Legacy of Adeline T. Burbeck .....	500.00
Legacy of Albert E. Prescott .....	7,056.08
Legacy of William J. Burbeck .....	1,000.00
Legacy of Frederick A. Burbeck .....	1,000.00

#### REGULATIONS

The J. V. Fletcher Library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (legal holidays excepted) from 1:30 till 5, and from 6:30 till 9:00 P. M.

The Nabnasset deposit station at the Post Office in charge of Mrs. Edna G. MacLeod is open daily.

The Forge Village deposit station at the Post Office in charge of Miss Josephine P. Connell is open daily.

New books of fiction can be kept only one week; but there may be one renewal. All other books may be kept four weeks. Renewals may be made by telephone or by postal.

No book shall be transferred, or acknowledged as returned, unless delivered to the librarian.

For each day that a book is kept beyond the prescribed time a fine of one cent is charged.

Borrowers finding books mutilated or defaced should report the fact to the librarian.

## LIST OF BOOKS ADDED, 1946

### CLASSIFIED BOOKS

Abbot, Willis J.—Panama and the canal in picture .....	986 A1
Alexander, A. L.—Poems that touch the heart .....	808.81 A
Atkin, Wm. W.—Forty designs for postwar boats .....	623.8 A
Baker, Louise—Out on a limb .....	B B168
Barber, Harry C.—Junior high school mathematics .....	512 B1
—A second course in algebra .....	512 B2
Beaty, John Y.—Nature is stranger than fiction.....	574 B
Betz, William—Algebra for today .....	512 B
Bible, New Testament—revised version 1946.....	225.5 B
Blanding, Don—Today is here.....	811 B9
Bogardus, E.S. and Lewis, R.H.—Social life and personality ....	301 B
Bowlin, Wm. R., comp.—Book of historical poems .....	808.81 B3
Bullard, Frederick L.—Abraham Lincoln and the widow Bixby .....	B L737.29
Campbell, A. S. and H. M.—Applejack for breakfast .....	630.1 C1
Carlisle, Norman—The modern wonder book of trains and railroading .....	656.2 C
Chute, Marchette G.—Geoffrey Chaucer of England .....	B C496.1
Clapper, Olive E.—Washington tapestry .....	975.3 C
Copeland, Lewis, ed.—The world's best jokes .....	808.87 C
Corbett, James E.—Man-eaters of Kumaon .....	799.27 C
Crowell, Grace Noll—Songs for courage .....	811 C13
Current Biography, 1945; who's news and why .....	920 C2
Dahl, Francis W.—Dahl's Boston .....	741.5 D1
Daly, Thomas A.—Late lark singing.....	811 D9
Di Maggio, Joseph P.—Lucky to be a Yankee.....	799.357 D
De la Roche, Mazo—Quebec, historic seaport.....	971.4 D1
Dreppard, Carl W.—First reader for antique collectors.....	749 D3
Faris, Lillie A.—The new sand-table.....	268.68 F
Field, Carter—Bernard Baruch, park bench statesman.....	B B295
Ford, Corey and MacBain, Alastair—Cloak and dagger, the secret story of O S S.....	940.5485 F
Fosdick, Harry E.—On being fit to live with.....	252 F2
Foster, Elizabeth—The islanders.....	818 F3
Fox, George—Journal.....	B F7918
Fuller, Brownlee and Baker—Elementary principles of physics	530 F1

Gould, Ralph E.—Yankee storekeeper.....	818	G11
Graham, Elinor—Maine charm string.....	917.41	G1
Hayes, Carlton J.H.—Wartime mission in Spain, 1942-45.....	327.73	H
Heller, Maxwell L.—How to letter.....	745.6	H
Hessler, John C.—First year of chemistry.....	540	H4
Hickey, J. H. and Beach, Priscilla—Know your cat.....	636.8	H
Hilton, Eugene—Problems and values of today, 2 vol.....	301	H
Horan, Mrs. Kenneth—Papa went to Congress.....	818	H7
Hughes, Lora W.—No time for tears.....	B	H894
Kilham, Walter H.—Boston after Bullfinch.....	720.974	K
Kravchenko, Victor A.—I chose freedom.....	947.084	K
Lamont, Corliss—Peoples of the Soviet union.....	914.7	L
Lamont, Thomas W.—My boyhood in a parsonage.....	B	L234
Leeming, Joseph—Fun with puzzles.....	793.73	L1
Liebman, Joshua L.—Peace of mind.....	137	L
Litchfield, P. W.—Autumn leaves; reflections of an industrial lieutenant .....	174	L
Lohan, Robert, ed.—Christmas tales for reading aloud.....	394.268	CL
Look magazine ed.—Look at America.....	917.3	L4
McClinton, Katharine M.—Handbook of popular antiques.....	749	M2
McPherson, Henderson and Fowler—Chemistry for today.....	540	M
Magruder, Frank A.—American government.....	342.73	M
Marshall, Jas., pseud.—Sante Fe; the railroad that built an empire .....	656.2	M1
Martin, Ralph G.—Boy from Nebraska; the story of Ben Kuroki .....	B	K 973
Mason, Bernard S.—Book of Indian-crafts and costumes.....	970.1	M
Masters, Dexter and Way, Katharine—One world or none.....	623.45	M
Meier, W. H. D. and Lois—Essentials of biology.....	570	M1
Meister, Morris—Energy and power.....	530	M2
Meister, Morris—Heat and health.....	536	M
Mian, Mary S.—My country-in-law.....	914.46	M
Millikan, Gale and Pyle—Elements of physics.....	530	M1
Mitchell, Edwin V.—It's an old New England custom.....	917.4	M2
Mussey, Barrows—Old New England.....	974	M
Mystery Chef's own cook book.....	641.5	M4
O'Rourke, L. J.—You and your community.....	301	O1
Packard, Sinnott and Overton—Nations at work.....	380	P
Patterson, Little and Burch—Problems in American democracy....	302	P
Pearson, Haydn S.—Countryman's cookbook.....	641.5	P1
—Success on the small farm.....	631.1	P
Perenyi, Eleanor—More was lost.....	B	P438
Pieper, C.J. and Beauchamp, W. L.—Everyday problems in science .....	500	P

Pitkin, Walter B.—The best years; how to enjoy retirement.....	170	P8
Ransom, Elmer I.—The woodland book.....	591.5	R
Reynolds, Quentin J.—Officially dead; story of Commander C. D. Smith.....	940.5472	R
Rich, Louise D.—Happy the land.....	917.41	R3
Richmond, Bernice....Right as rain: story of my Maine grand- mother .....	818	R6
Robinson, Victor—Victory over pain; story of anesthesia.....	616.78	R
Salter, John T., ed.—Public men in and out of office.....	923.2	S3
Schorling, Clark and Lindell—Modern algebra.....	512	S
Seagrave, Gordon S.—Burma surgeon returns.....	B 54386.1	
Sheldon, Harold P.—Tranquility.....	799	S1
—Tranquility revisited.....	799	S2
—Tranquility regained .....	799	S3
Shideler, Ernest H.—Group life and social problems.....	301	S2
Siegmeister, Elie, ed.—Music lover's handbook.....	780	S
Smith, Augustus H.—Your personal economics.....	339.4	S1
Snow, Edward Rowe—A pilgrim returns to Cape Cod.....	974.49	S
Solomon, Arthur K.—Why smash atoms?.....	541.2	S
Starling Edmund W.—Starling of the White House.....	B S 795	
Stowe, Leland—While time remains .....	940.55	S
Sticker, Henry—Art of calculation .....	511	S
Streeter, Daniel W.—Denatured Africa.....	916.76	S
Talbot, Beatrice W.—And that's no lie.....	B L755	
VanBuskirk, Smith and Nourse—Science of everyday life.....	500	V
Van Dusen, Henry P.—They found the church there.....	266	V
Vestal, Stanley—The Missouri.....	978	V
Weber, Julia—My country school diary.....	371.1	W
Westcott, Cynthia—The gardener's bug book.....	632.7	W
White, Theodore H. and Jacoby, Annalee—Thunder out of China .....	951.045	W
Whitman, Walter G.—Household physics.....	530	W2
Wilder, Walter B.—Grandfather objects.....	818	W10
Wilson, Forrest—Crusader in crinoline: life of Harriet Beecher Stowe.....	B S892.2	
Woodward, Elizabeth S.—Strictly private.....	170	W5
World's greatest wonders.....	910.8	W1

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Bailey, Henry C.—The life Sentence.....	B 155.6	
Bassett, Sara W.—The beacon.....	B 319.22	
Beeding, Francis—There are thirteen.....	B 414.7	
Bennett, Margot—Time to change hats.....	B 472.1	
Bonnamy, Francis, pseud.—The king is dead on Queen Street....	B 716.1	

Bowen, Elizabeth—House in Paris.....	B 786.2
Brand, Max—Mountain riders .....	B 817.9
Buck Pearl—Pavilion of women.....	B 9225.13
Carr, John D.—He who whispers.....	C 311.4
Castle, Marian J.—Deborah.....	C 3534.2
Chamberlain, Elinor—Appointment in Manila.....	C 442.2
Charles, Joan—And the hunter home.....	C 475.1
Cody, Al—Empty saddles.....	C 671.2
Coles, Manning, pseud.—The fifth man.....	C 694.4
Cook, Fannie F.—Mrs Palmer's Honey.....	C 770.2
Cumberland, Marten—A dilemma for Dax.....	C 969.2
Dale, Virginia—Honeyfogling time.....	D 140.2
Dane, Clemence, pseud.—He brings great news.....	D 179.3
De la Roche, Mazo—Return to Jalna.....	D 3395.13
Derleth, August W.—The shield of the valiant.....	D 434.3
Disney, Doris M.—Murder on a tangent.....	D 6122.2
—Who rides a tiger .....	D 6122.3
Doner, Mary F.—Blue river.....	D 6817.7
Donovan, F. P. and Henry, R. S.—Headlights and markets.....	D 687.2
Du Maurier, Daphne—The King's general.....	D 8872.6
Emerson, Elizabeth H.—The good crop.....	E 534.2
Ermine, Will, pseud.—Outlaw on horseback.....	E 714.4
Eustis, Helen—The horizontal man.....	E 915.2
Fast, Howard M.—The American, a middle western legend.....	F 251.4
Fenison, Ruth—Desperate cure.....	F 333.3
Field, Peter—Powder Valley showdown.....	F 455.9
—Ravaged range .....	F 455.10
Fletcher, Mrs. Inglis—Toil of the brave.....	F 613.4
Foley, Martha, ed.—Best American short stories.....	B 5599.2
Forester, Cecil S.—Lord Hornblower.....	F 717.12
Fox, Norman A.—Dead end trail .....	F 793.3
Franken, Rose—Young Claudia.....	F 830.3
Gardner, Erle S.—The D. A. breaks a seal.....	G 226.7
—Case of the borrowed brunette.....	G 226.8
Gibbons, Stella—The gentle powers.....	G 441.3
Glaspell, Susan—Judd Rankin's daughter.....	G 549.4
Goldthwaite, Eaton K.—Cat and mouse.....	G 6249.2
Godden, Rumer—The river.....	G 578.2
Grey, Zane—Shadow on the trail.....	G 845.41
Gruber, Frank—The silver tombstone.....	G 885.2
Hale, Christopher, pseud.—Rumor hath it.....	H 160.2
Hancock, Lucy A.—Nurse Barlow.....	H 235.7
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Haycox, Ernest—Long storm.....	H 4133.8

Heath, Elizabeth A.—The silver crescent.....	H 437.2
Hendryx, James B.—Courage of the north.....	H 498.10
—Skullduggery on Halfaday Creek.....	H 498.9
Holton, Edith A.—Time and the hour.....	H 758.11
Hughes, Dorothy B.—Johnnie.....	H 892.5
Janney, Russell—Miracle of the bells.....	J 344.2
Jennings, John—Salem frigate.....	J 543.6
Johnson, Josephine W.—Wildwood.....	J 677.2
Kane, Harnett T.—New Orleans woman; biographical novel of Myra Clark Gaines.....	K 163.2
King, Rufus—Museum piece no. 13.....	K 543.7
Knight, Kathleen M.—Trouble at Turkey Hill.....	K 698.8
Knight, Ruth A.—Brave companions.....	K 714.2
Lawrence, Hilda—Blood upon the snow.....	L 420.2
Lawrence, Josephine—Double wedding ring.....	L 421.8
Lockridge, Frances and Richard—Death of a tall man.....	L 817.9
—Murder within murder.....	L 817.8
Lomax, Bliss, pseud.—The phantom coral.....	L 839.6
Longstreth, Thomas M.—Two rivers meet in Concord.....	L 857.2
Loring, Emilie—Bright skies.....	L 873.17
Lowden, Leone—Proving ground, a novel of Civil War days.....	L 912.1
Macardle, Dorothy—The unforeseen.....	M 115.3
McCloy, Helen—The one that got away.....	M 127.2
MacDonald, William C.—Thunderbird trail.....	M 1357.5
—Wheels in the dust.....	M 1357.4
Marquand, John P.—B. F.'s daughter.....	M 357.10
Maugham, William S.—The razor's edge.....	M 449.4
Meisenhelder, Rachel—God bless our aunts.....	M 515.2
Miller, Helen T.—Dark sails.....	M 648.4
—Shod with flame .....	M 648.5
Moore, Ruth—Spoonhandle.....	M 824.3
Nash, Ann—Unhappy rendezvous.....	N 248.2
O'Hara, Mary—Green grass of Wyoming.....	O 363.4
Osborne, Letitia P.—Through purple glass.....	O 813.2
Phillips, Alexandra—Forever possess .....	P 558.2
Plum, Mary—State department cat.....	P 734.2
Pratt, Theodore—Valley boy.....	P 917.3
Punshon, Ernest R.—Secrets can't be kept.....	P 984.3
Raddall, Thomas H.—Pride's fancy.....	R 125.3
Raine, William M.—Clattering hoofs.....	R 155.28
Rhode, John, pseud.—Death in Harley Street.....	R 475.3
Richter, Conrad—The fields.....	R 535.4
Ripperger, Henrietta—The Bretons of Elm Street.....	R 593.3
Rowe, Anne—Deadly intent.....	R 878.2

Schmitt, Gladys—David the King.....	S 355.2
Seton, Anya—The turquoise.....	S 495.2
Shane, Susannah—Diamonds in the dumplings.....	S 529.2
Sharp, Margery—Britannia Mews.....	S 531.6
Shepard, Odell and Willard—Holdfast Gaines.....	S 547.2
Shipman, Natalie—No secret can be told.....	S 557.2
Smith, Lady Eleanor—Caravan.....	S 646.2
Steinbeck, John—Pastures of heaven.....	S 820.4
Stevenson, Dorothy E.—The four Graces.....	S 8474.18
Stewart, Catherine P.—Her husband's house.....	S 849.3
Street, James—The gauntlet.....	S 915.3
Thirkell, Angela—Miss Bunting.....	T 445.10
Tomkinson, Grace—Her own people.....	T 658.2
—Welcome wilderness .....	T 658.3
Walworth, Dorothy—Nicodemus.....	W 242.2
Wagh, Evelyn—Brideshead revisited.....	W 354.2
Welty, Eudora—Delta wedding.....	W 464.2
Wentworth, Patricia—She came back.....	W 479.13
West, Tom—Trouble trail.....	W 521.2
Woodruff, Philip—Call the next witness.....	W 893.2

#### BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Atwood, Wallace W. and Thomas, H.G.—Visits in other lands.....	j910 A
Averill, Esther—Daniel Boone.....	JB B724.5
Bailey, Carolyn S.—Miss Hickory.....	JB 154m
Bebenroth, Charlotta M.—Meriwether Lewis, boy explorer.....	JB L675.1
Berry, Erick—A pretty little doll.....	JB 534p
Black, Irma S.—This is the bread that Betsy ate.....	j641 B1
Bradbury, Bianca—The antique cat.....	JB 798a
Buck, Frank—Jungle animals.....	j591.5 B
Carpenter, H.A. and Wood, G.C.—Our environment	
—How we adapt ourselves to it.....	j500 C2
—How we use and control it.....	j500 C3
Cavanah, Frances—Benjy of Boston.....	JC 377b
Chadsey, Weinberg and Miller—America in the making.....	j973 C5
Chapman, Maristan, pseud.—Treasure hunters.....	JC 466tr
Charitina, Sister Mary—Adventures of the Redcrosse	
Knight .....	j398.2 C11
Cheswright, Patricia—The farm yard book.....	j 630.1 C
Conover, Charlotte, ed.—A holiday story sampler.....	j394.26 C
Cross, Genevieve—The engine that lost its whistle.....	JC 951e
Davis, George—An animal tour .....	j 590 D3
DeJong, Meindert—Bells of the harbor.....	JD 327be
De Mers, Joe—Smokey and the red fire engine.....	JD 3377s
Donaldson, Lois—Paraguay in story and pictures.....	j 918.9 D1

Edmonson, J. B. and Dondineau, Arthur—Citizenship.....	j 300 E
Elms, Francis R.—Builders of our nation.....	j920.07 E
Elting, Mary—The lollypop factory and lots of others.....	j670 E
Encyclopaedia Britannica—Adventures of Bunny rabbit.....	j 599.32 E
—Animals of the farm.....	j 636 E1
—Animals of the woods.....	j 599 E
—Black bear twins.....	j 599.744 E
—Elephants .....	j 599.61E
—Goats and kids.....	j 636.3 E
—Gray squirrel.....	j 599.32 E1
—Pride, the saddle horse.....	j 636.1 E
—Shep, the farm dog.....	j 636.7 E
—Snapping turtle.....	j 598.13 E
—Three little kittens.....	j 636.8 E
—Water birds.....	j 598.2 E1
Erdman, Loula G.—Fair is the morning.....	jE 665f
Farmer, Wendell—Fish Hook Island mystery .....	jF 234f
Fishel, R.M. and Smith, W.W.—Terry and Bunky play football..	j796.33 F
Gaggin, Eva R.—An ear for Uncle Emil.....	jG 1335e
Galt, Tom—Volcano .....	j917.2 G
Gates, Doris—North Fork .....	jG 259n
Graham, Shirley and Lipscomb, G. D.—Dr. George Washington Carver, scientist .....	jB C331.1
Hagedorn, Hermann—We, the people .....	j342.7 H
Hauman, George and Doris—Surprise for Timmy.....	jH 373s
Henry, Marguerite—Justin Morgan had a horse.....	j636.1 H
Hessler, John C.—Junior science .....	j500 H
Hogeboom, Amy—Birds and how to draw them.....	j741 H1
—Boys' book of the west .....	jH 7158b
Howard, Janet—Counting Katie .....	jH 850c
Hughes, Ray O.—Fundamentals of economics .....	j330 H
—The making of our United States.....	j973 H3
Jones, Leslie A.—Eli Terry, clockmaker of Connecticut.....	jB T329
Keeler, Katherine S.—Apple rush.....	jK 265a
—Spring comes to Meadow Brook Farm...jK 265s	
Kerr, Laura—Doctor Elizabeth .....	jB B632
Kingsley, Nellie F.—Four American explorers.....	j923.9 K
Kishore, Penina—Towelina .....	jK 615t
Layton, Mark—Forest ranger .....	jL 429f
Leaf, Munro—Aesop's fables, a new version, ill. by Robert Lawson .....	j888.6 L
Little golden books—Prayers for children.....	j248 L
Lownsbey, Eloise—Marta the doll .....	jL 919m
McGinley, Phyllis—The plain princess .....	jM 145p

Mallette, Gertrude E.—Single stones .....	jM 253s
Maril, Lee—Mr. Bunny paints the eggs .....	jM 336m
Meigs, Cornelia—Mother makes Christmas .....	jM 512mo
Milhou, Katherine—Herodia, the lovely puppet .....	jM 644h
—Snow over Bethlehem .....	j394.268 CM6
Mitchell, Lucy S.—The taxi that hurried.....	jM 682t
Montgomery, Elizabeth R.—Keys to nature's secrets.....	j530M
Norling, J. S. and E. R.—Pogo's mining trip; story of gold.....	j669.2 N
Olds, Elizabeth—The big fire .....	j614.84 O
Orton, Helen F.—Hoof-beats of freedom .....	jO 785h
Osswald, Edith—Toys .....	j372.4 O7
Pace, Mildred M.—Friend of animals—Henry Bergh.....	jB B497
Palenske, Bess T. and Wilson, H. E.—The charm string.....	jP 156c
Parker, Bertha M. and Cowles, H. C.—Book of plants.....	j581 P1
Pease, Josephine V.—This is the world.....	j551 P1
Petter, Helen M.—The number .....	j510 P
Rabenort, William—The United States, except Atlantic coast.....	j917.3 R
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